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More on Colorado

Dear Editor:

I have become convinced that the Boycott Colorado movement is a hasty and self-defeating response to a very real threat.

As everyone must know by now, three of the communities most affected by this boycott — Denver, Boulder, and Aspen — have gay rights ordinances. "They'll just have to sacrifice" is the usual response of boycott supporters, often with the implied accusation that members of these cities (which voted overwhelmingly against Amendment 2) are at fault for not having done even more to stop it.

This is great hindsight, but lousy politics. The fact is, we're hurting our supporters in hopes that a little of the economic pain will trickle down to our opponents. Sound familiar? Trickle-down punishment even goofier than trickle-down economics.

Amendment 2 came about, in large part, as a backlash against the gay rights ordinances of these three cities. A blanket boycott of Colorado sends out a dangerous message: Your support of lesbian and gay rights is now going to cost you.

In a perfect world, voters might flock to vote their conscience, and to hell with their wallet. In the real world, we invite disaster if we start rewarding our supporters with an economic boycott. A targeted boycott, aimed at businesses and cities that supported Amendment 2, would be a far smarter approach.

The boycott movement has quickly taken on an aura of political orthodoxy. On this (as on so many other issues), debate should be encouraged, not squelched. Perhaps the time will come when a blanket boycott of Colorado seems like our only option. But it should be a last resort, not a knee-jerk first response.

Sincerely,
Sasha Alyson
Alyson Publications, Inc.

Successful people need coverage

Dear Editor:

In the past few weeks, I have seen many opinions and heard many discussions about gays in the military.

One thing that really boogles my mind is that everyone of those who is in opposition knows exactly how we live and how we engage in sexual activities. How can one who does not live our lifestyle know so much about it?

Some believe if you have a different sexual preference, you must be mentally ill. Hitler believed that all Jews were mentally incompetent.

What we really should concentrate on the future is, that gays live just as normal as everyone else. I believe you, the media, have an obligation to do so. Stop printing so much about the diversity in our community. Write stories about successful gay business owners, about gay people who are doing tremendous work for the entire community!

I myself am the founder of a neighborhood organization in the downtown area and openly gay. We successfully have done tremendous work to rid our neighborhood of crime and create recreational activities for young and old people. While doing this kind of work I have met a lot of gay men and women who spend their time doing successful work with the entire community and nobody cares what their sexual preference might be! This is the kind of thing the public needs to know — that we are just as successful, caring and effective as everybody else.

Sincerely,
Walter F. Mueller

Get involved!

Dear Editor:

The January 1, 1993 issue of *MGW* is excellent as usual. The year in review is helpful to your readers, researchers, and is a good resource for the movement libraries/archives. The page devoted to gays in the military is welcome to those of us who get requests for information on subjects. That is why we plead to get copies of all publications and books.

There are some issues we all face that have been around since the movement started. Certainly you have covered the issue of the right-wing religious churches. The sad fact is that many homosexuals still attend such churches, sing in their choirs, give them money and thus support their main enemy. I can guarantee that the vast majority of readers of *MGW* have not given one dime to a gay organization this past year, have not given their time, have not voted, have not written to an editor, have not read a gay book.

Your readers should know that not many years ago there were no gay newspapers, bookstores, gay legal organizations, gay teachers organizations, etc. to appreciate and help us obtain our equal rights. Some readers don't seem willing to do much to get us further. But it didn't take that many people to get this nation started, and to quote another source, all it takes is a few good men, and women. So they can come along for the ride while the work is done by others. Like *MGW*, etc.

Sincerely,
William Edward Glover
Homosexual Information Center, Universal City, CA

Visiting friends

Dear Editor:

Once again I hear of one of our friends landing in the hospital for the same old reason. I would just like to say those of you who have colds or any contagious illness you should not go visiting people with HIV! This is merely a common cold to you, but those infected with HIV, this cold becomes pneumonia.

Please remember this if you value your friends and respect their immune system.

David Andrews

Fertilizer?

Dear Editor:

In response to Wade Dowdell's letter "What's the big deal" concerning Bob Cook's commentary against gays and lesbians in the U.S. military.

He wrote he could not imagine anyone of average intelligence interpreting Cook's ludicrous commentary as anything but satirical. A commentary he also wrote that he never saw nor heard. That shows us all who really has the below average intelligence among us. In this day of gay bashings and hate crimes he would want us all to shrug off homophobic attitudes as just one big satirical joke.

He also wrote that he accepts one author's view that all Americans are "dumb as fungus" and that he agrees with a friend from South Africa that all Californians have no appreciation of sarcasm, who better to judge us then a person who comes from one of the most repressive governments in the world. A country were a small minority of people do not let its majority of citizens vote, live were they want, legal representation, restricts their travel and equal access to education. South Africa not only kills and represses black Africans, the government also represses persons who are part black, East Indians, Asians and yes, even gays.

That certainly makes him an expert on making sweeping generalizations on Californians in Dowdell's eyes. Just as he feels Bob Cook is one on gays in the military. If Wade Dowdell thinks Americans are "dumb as fungus" he certainly must be as dumb as the fertilizer that grows it. Sarcastically speaking of course!

Roberto Morales

Creative ads

Dear Editor:

I really appreciate the creativity in the ads being developed for SACWN events. they look terrific and Michael Smith, the graphic artist is doing a wonderful job. Thanks!

Sincerely,
Sandra K. Virago
Executive Director, SACWN

Neighborhood supports bar

Dear Editor:

We are one of the neighborhood groups in the Alkali Flat/Mansion Flats area. The goal of our group is to support the minority groups, poor, and homeless people in our area.

One of our bars, located at 15th and F streets was sold. This bar used to be a big problem in the area (former "Joe's Corner" — now "The Mirage").

The neighborhood associations opposed the new owners with concerns like parking, noise and dancing. We contacted the new owners. It turned out that they had already made major improvements – security seven days a week, cameras, and additional parking. Several neighborhood meetings were held and were attended by the new owners where they felt the concerns had been taken care of.

But we felt the real reason for the opposition was that it is going to be a gay and lesbian bar.

Our group is supporting this bar and will do everything to help.

Sincerely,
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In the March 1 issue of *MGW we regret a typographical error; "dept." should have been "debt."*

Ortiz wins City Council 5th District

Deborah Ortiz, 35, attorney and legislative aid for Assemblyman Richard Polanco, who has lived in Oak Park most of her life, won the special election to fill the District 5. The council seat which encompasses Oak Park, Woodbine, Curtis Park, Hollywood Park, and Elmhurst) was formerly held by Mayor Joe Serna Jr. Ortiz won with 35.3 percent of the votes, and Barbara Arnold with 22.3 percent, Jean Shaw-Connelly with 21.5 percent, Patrick Kennedy with 10.8, and Ella Hall-Coates finished with 9.2 percent.

Ortiz has long been interested in crime, housing and educational needs in Sacramento's poorer communities. Like Arnold, Shaw-Connelly, and Kennedy, Ortiz has an excellent record on gay/lesbian issues. Ortiz says, "Discrimination is something I have experienced all too frequently ... discrimination is simply wrong ... sexual orientation is no exception." In addition, Ortiz supports the appointment of qualified gays and lesbians because "We need to have all under-represented groups involved." She worked on the redistricting committee for the city and helped "protect Lavender Heights and put it into one district."

Michael Boyd and Eileen Gillis co-chairs of River City Democratic Club, sat on ortiz's steering committee as representatives for the gay/lesbian community.

I am committed to the advocacy for all groups, especially gays/lesbians, an important part of the Sacramento community. I'm committed to supporting the city's Domestic Partnership Ordinance, AIDS education, and fighting housing and job discrimination.

— Deborah Ortiz

RCDC members voted to endorse Ortiz and donated $500 to her campaign, and also gave an estimated 150 hours of volunteer support to Ortiz's campaign. *MGW Newspaper* endorsed Shaw-Connelly who also was good on gay/lesbian issues.

CAP/PAC, California Capital Political Action Committee, jointly endorsed Ortiz and Shaw-Connelly with each receiving $500 from the PAC. More than $1400 was also raised at a CAP/PAC fundraiser for Shaw-Connelly.▼

Special to MGW

Enjoying the victory party is Deborah Ortiz, Pam Haynes, Jim Sechelski, Kevin Rebelo, Michael Boyd, Dan Gentry and Tim Larrabee.

RCDC invites assemblywoman

Sacramento's River City Democratic Club will be hosting Assemblywoman Delaine Eastin, chair of the Assembly Committee on Education, the Fremont area Democrat and has been a proponent for maintaining adequate funding for California's K-12 schools as well as colleges and universities. First elected to the state legislature in 1986, she has maintained a progressive environmental and human rights record.

RCDC meetings are held on third Monday at the downtown YWCA at 17th and L streets, 6:30pm. The April 19 meeting marks the third in a series of gatherings geared toward educating the community on "non election-year" political strategies and issues.▼

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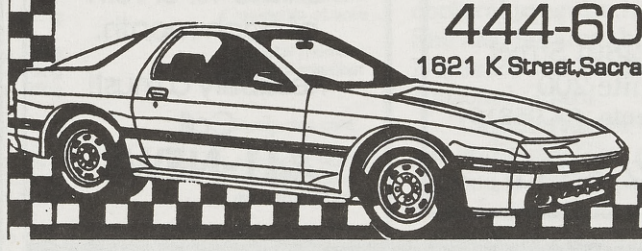

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A 71-year-old soldier ...

I'm in another war

by Lucian K. Truscott, III
Guest writer

In the Korean War in 1951 I commanded a rifle company. We had a gay soldier with us in combat. Last November I wrote an article for *The Washington Post* and described the death of that young man.

As a result of the article I received a call from the Human Rights Campaign Fund. The caller asked if I would be willing to come to Washington to lobby Congress on behalf of gays in the military. I was impressed by the "Human Rights" portion of his organization, but it turned out that it is the nation's largest gay rights political organization.

Well! That was a shock! Here I am: a retired Army Infantry Colonel; West Point graduate; father of five kids, eight grandchildren, and a great-grandchild on the way; son of a World War II four star general numerous friends both among my West Point classmates and from my Army service, and my friends from my post-retirement civil life. What would all of them think?

The fact that I have that question in my mind is the crux of both the military and national problem concerning gays. We think there's something "wrong" not only with being gay, but also associating with them.

After much soul searching, or perhaps just searching for my soul, I decided that I had to stand up and be counted. I couldn't deny my article. Nor could I deny my very strong faith in the words of my fifth great-grandfather penned some 217 yeas ago: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal ..."

So for two days in the Senate and House recently I became a 71-year-old retired soldier activist, not specifically for racial rights or gay rights or women's rights but for equal rights. And several times during the two days people asked me if I agreed with General Powell's asserting that "skin color is benign, non-behavioral characteristic. Sexual orientation is perhaps the most profound of human behavioral characteristics." I certainly do not agree with his skin color was certainly not "benign" back in the 1948 to mid-50s period when we were integrating blacks into the military. General Powell could not now, nor then, understand or feel the emotions of some of the whites during those days. Some of them were every bit as emotional about that integration as some people are about this one, even more so. And I dare say a few still are! And I remind the General that we had a hell of a lot more trouble integrating the Officers' Clubs than we did the battlefield.

I strongly suspect that like so many others, the general considers homosexuality to be a moral issue: homosexuality is immoral. But is it any more immoral than slavery was? Is it any more immoral than segregation of and discrimination against blacks and women and gays has been and continues to be? And not letting women vote for the first 144 years of the 217 years we've been a nation?

After my two day Washington adventure, I received a letter from my daughter-in-law Debbie who lives in Northern Virginia. She told me of being in the checkout line at the local grocery store and having a nice looking man she guessed to be about 50 ask her about a pin on her coat lapel. She had forgotten she had put one there and looked down to see that it was an Inaugural pin with President Clinton's picture on it. Aloud she read the words "Let the Celebration Begin!" and the man started calling her names, "Queer" and "Lesbian" chief among them. Then he started including the President: "Gay! Homo!" She was shocked and embarrassed and hurried out of the store But before she left she paused to take a good look at this man who she described in her letter as looking "so normal, like he was a teacher or an accountant or even a retired military officer. And suddenly I felt incredibly sad."

These were her closing words in the letter:

"Halfway back to the office it occurred to me that this gays-in-the-military thing isn't about gays at all. It's about hate, and its target could be anything. When you came to Washington this week, you didn't just do it for gays (or even the military). You also did it for Blacks and Jews and Asians and Women. Thanks."

Her "thanks" brought tears to my eyes, and I hope she's wrong about the hate.

I sure hope she's wrong.

Col. Lucian Truscott, III, U.S. Army-Ret. a West point graduate, served in the Korean War and in Vietnam.▼

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Do gay "marriages" stifle creativity and uniqueness?

by Eileen S. Gillis
Special to MGW

As discussed in these columns, a number of progressive legal theorists as well as lesbian and gay community members oppose "gay marriage." These individuals hold the novel belief that if state law gives lesbians and gay men the opportunity to marry, we should promptly turn it down!

Why do these people say this? Well, in general the argument is very simple and basic, but, it can make us rethink our expectations about families and relationships.

First, these theorists and activists say that if we buy into the marriage system, we will stifle our community's creativity to develop our own unique definition of family. They argue that, if a marriage option exists, this will imply that an unmarried gay or lesbian couple's relationship is somehow not as good, or as serious as the relationships of those who decide to marry. This theme is echoed in heterosexual society with terms like "living out of wedlock" or "living in sin."

We all live in a system which seems to elevate marriage to a higher level. But, frankly, should we feel pressured to take on the financial rights and responsibilities and the general social definitions that come along with marriage?

If we are forced into marriage, will this also stifle our imagination for developing new kinds of family structures? For example, one lesbian theorist says that not all of lesbian and gay families fit into "couples" made up of two persons. But, these are the only kinds of relationships that marriage laws protect. Some of our families are better described as "extended" and, as this theorists suggests, these relationships be seen as "overlapping the concept of 'friend' and 'lover'." She believes that by extending our economic interdependence to more than one partner, we will strengthen our connections to the community and strengthen the community itself. Should marriage laws covering lesbians and gays, or heterosexuals, be redesigned to cover more than one partner?

In sum, as these basic arguments illustrate, lesbians and gay men may not want to enter into the institution of marriage lightly, as it may limit the community's self-concept and threatens to stratify and stigmatize unmarried lesbian and gay persons. Taking the time to consider the marriage option supports a respect for those who wish to shape their own lives according to the form of cohabitation they choose, but still wish to be economically interdependent and protect each other financially.

Eileen S. Gillis is an associate attorney with the law firm of Metrailer and Langenkamp.▼

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Army Colonel Gets A Real Life

by Marghe Covino
MGW Staff

Vietnam veteran, holder of the Bronze Star, war hero, nurse, high level military officer discharged because she is a lesbian, PhD., head of a medical unit on the cutting edge of a new specialty — neurooncology — Margarethe "Grethe" Cammermeyer, 50, is all of those things. However, it was still another persona, that of gay activist, which she shared with a large audience at the University of California at Davis on Feb. 3.

That Margarethe Cammermeyer was born in Norway during the Nazi occupation, was the grandchild of psychiatrists and was a immigrant to this country. She grew up trying to fit in — being a good girl and becoming a nurse instead of a doctor, getting married, becoming a wife and the mother of 3 boys. As a young girl she was athletic. Cammermeyer got a loud laugh when she confessed she had been an avid softball player, "At that time I didn't know it (playing softball) was a clue." She remembers her mother explaining to her that homosexuals were not to be hated but sympathized with because they "had a mental disease."

When she was growing up she said it was well known that only whores and lesbians would be in the military. Despite the negatives, she became an Army student nurse and was on active duty by 1963. In 1964, while on overseas duty in Germany, she met her husband.

Cammermeyer was married to her husband, a fellow officer, for 15 years. When he volunteered for duty in Vietnam, she volunteered, too. She was called and he wasn't. Cammermeyer said she first experienced sexual harassment while in Vietnam. "Somehow, some men were still dealing with the concept that women were there to aid and comfort even those who were not sick or wounded."

When asked to compare how women in the military are treated by supervisors who are lesbian, versus how they're treated by men, Cammermeyer smiled bitterly and said, "Ask the women of Tailhook. Women in the military are sexually harassed and if they don't respond to men's sexual advances those men can say they'll report them for being lesbians. This is not just a gay and lesbian problem but a societal one," she said. "I haven't heard about women being harassed by women, there are no women who are afraid to take showers or share barracks."

The breakup of her marriage was traumatic. Still not sure she was a lesbian, Cammermeyer just knew she had to live alone for awhile.

"Even if I didn't know, my husband did. As I drove away from my home and my young children with no money, no

... and screamed, faggot, queer, dyke ...

credit and no place to live he stood in the street with the children watching and screamed, 'Faggot, queer, dyke,' and every other angry epithet he could manage. After a little over four years in San Francisco's Veteran's Administration Hospital, she returned to Seattle, "to reconnect with my kids," and applied for the doctoral program in nursing. She also became the Chief Nurse for the Washington National Guard.

Cammermeyer confided to the audience, "I've always wanted to be a general — it was always my dream." In order for that to happen she needed a top secret clearance in order to go to the War College. What she didn't know was that in 1982 under the Reagan administration the mere statement of homosexuality made a person eligible for discharge. "After five hours of interrogation what I would acknowledge was that I was a lesbian — somehow I thought if I told the truth it would eliminate any problems about security risk and everything would be O.K." I was surprised to learn that every day five gay or lesbian people lose their jobs and benefits in the military and that over 1500 yearly are put out of the service. The government spends over $5 1/2 million to ferret out people's private lives and three times the number of lesbians are hunted down and discharged than gay men," she said.

After 23 years in the military it was Margarethe Cammermeyer's turn — six months after the interrogation she was informed that the Army was going to discharge her. She was given the option of resigning or going to an inactive reserve status or to stay in the service with the National Guard — at the time she opted to stay in. "There are times when being gay is overlooked in the military — like in World War II, Korea and Vietnam — the military has a way of looking at it in a convenient manner. In the Persian Gulf they had a `Stop Loss' program - essentially it meant it's O.K. for you to die over there but if you survive, when you get back we'll take care of you."

In early 1991 after years of red tape and foot dragging, Margarethe Cammermeyer was given a hearing. With her children present, Cammermeyer was asked to stand before the reluctant President of the hearing board. She was praised for her abilities and her years of service and was told, "You are a great American. But we have to recommend discharge because of your own statement of homosexuality."

The hearing board also recommended that if the regulation changes — Cammermeyer's case should be reheard. "I had to be negated. Everything I'd done had to be judged to be of no value and when you think you've done everything you can — when you can do no more," Cammermeyer shook her head and left the statement unfinished.

After an 11 month wait for notification of whether the ban would be overturned and her case changed, on May 28, 1992 a newspaper reporter called to tell her the general had signed her discharge papers. The next day she received the call from the military. "I've been a problem for them, it's embarrassing for them to have to do this to a decorated female Vietnam veteran, an old colonel —a lesbian — they asked me to recant. But I wouldn't and I would do the same thing again."

"We need to get on with business that needs to be

See CAMMERMEYER, pg. 7

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North Highlands/Foothill Farms Community Planning Advisory Council	Open	Filing	1 resident of area
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Sacramento Commission of History & Science	Open	Filing	1 seat (Nom by Super. 1st Dist.)
Southeast Area Community Planning Advisory Council	Open	Filing	5 residents of area
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Success is seeing our readers getting appointed!

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by Sonya Cox
HIV/AIDS Editor

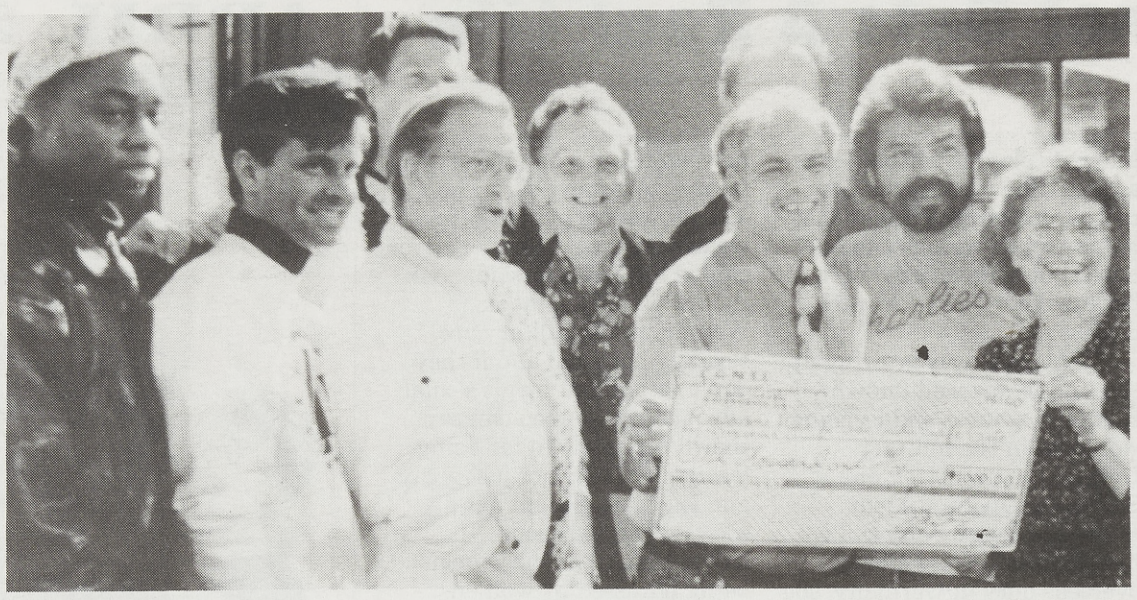
Quilt displays...

*Portions of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed in the Community Center lobby at the March 27-28 concert by the Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra (8 pm Saturday, 3 pm Sunday). Call 442-4135 for ticket information.
*A display created entirely with new panels will be on the grounds of the Mall on Sunday, April 25, in conjunction with the 1993 March on Washington, DC. 1,920 panels will be set out that day — the exact size of the October 11, 1987, display that accompanied the last March on Washington, where an estimated 300,000 people first viewed the Quilt.
*The NAMES Project office in San Francisco has moved from Market Street to 310 Townsend Street (between 4th and 5th in the South-of-Market district; phone 415-882-5500). It will be open in late March. All 22,000 of the panels from the October 1992 showing in DC are now safely stored in the new space. Panelmaking will continue in the old facility.

Funds for testing...

Several California counties say they're running out of money to provide free AIDS tests. A testing surge began in November 1991, just after Magic Johnson announced he was positive with the virus. They say more state money must be made available to cover the additional requests.

C.G.N.I.E. makes donation to SAF



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C.G.N.I.E. hands over a $1,000 check to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation Safe Site.

Scotland plan praised ...

A community plan in Edinburgh, Scotland, has reduced the number of addicts injecting drugs and at the same time reduced the spread of HIV through contaminated needles. In 1985 more than 50 percent of tested blood samples of IV drug users in poor neighborhoods were positive. Last year, there were only 8 new cases of HIV infection through shared needles, and the number of IV drug users dropped from the thousands to only a few hundred. The reduction is due to a decision to permit local doctors to prescribe, free and on demand, oral versions of nearly any drug craved by addicts on the condition that they avoid the use of needles and agree to counseling. The program of switching to oral alternatives has been so successful that street centers dispensing clean needles to addicts since 1987 are virtually no longer needed. The World Health Organization applauded Scotland's early intervention and immediate response to trends.

April showers, May flowers ...

MAC (mycobacterium avium complex) is thought to affect betweem 15 and 60 percent of people with AIDS. The bacteria is found in soil, some drinking water, and in standing water. Thoroughly wash vegetables to remove any particles of soil, and avoid keeping standing water around (including fresh-cut flowers left in water for more than a couple of days). Symptoms include night sweats, persistent fever, diarrhea, severe anemia, and weight loss. Since these are also the symptoms of other infections, MAC is often difficult to diagnose. Rifabutin is now recommended by many physicians as a preventative for MAC in people with between 50 and 200 T-cells. Because it's relatively new, however, studies are continuing as to the correct dosage of this medication, and the correct time in the HIV cycle to begin administering it.

Pope responds to epidemic ...

Pope John Paul II visited a Uganda hospital last month, where 60 percent of the 400 patients have AIDS or HIV disease. At a rally following the visit, in a country that has left 1.5 million children orphaned by the epidemic, he told a crowd of 30,000 that chastity is the only defense against the disease. The comment contradicts an American-funded government effort that promotes the use of condoms. Ugandan church leaders verified that they don't encourage the use of condoms, but do tell people that condoms lessen the risk of AIDS.

Testing new vaccine ...

Preliminary tests on humans has begun for a vaccine that AIDS researchers hope may eventually protect against several strains of the virus. The "peptide vaccine" is a laboratory-synthesized protein fragment that is inexpensive and appears easy to modify, made by United Biomedical of New York.▼

MARCH ON WASHINGTON
April 25

AIDS Memorial project gets underway

The Rainbow Phoenix Project is in the process of establishing an international AIDS memorial park. The purpose of this project is to memorialize the course and suffering as well as to provide a resting place for people who have died with AIDS, their lovers, spouses, families, and friends: a place of peace, tranquility and dignity.

The Rainbow Phoenix Project (Phoenix Gardens Memorial Park) is a non-profit, non-denominational, charitable corporation.

Roses, trees, and shrubs may be donated in memory of someone with AIDS.

The monument was designed by Scott Holt-McIntyre, and will be comprised of white granite upright slabs encircling each other in concentric rings with a spiral ramp within the granite chard-shaped spires. The inner most rising to a height of about 130 feet. All of this encompassing a fountain in the center of the memorial rising 40 feet high. There will also be a balcony for choir or chamber singers. A carillon of bells encircling the inside top of the memorial along with a large decorated bell of bronze at the uppermost top with a rainbow display of halogen lights. The names and personal data of those who have died with AIDS will be inscribed within the walls alongside the spiral ramp winding upward within the monument. All of this is set upon a stepped base of water cascading down into a broad moat lighted with multi-colored lights and white swans.

Information: Scott Holt-McIntyre, 362-3406, Raul Ortiz, 737-6505.▼

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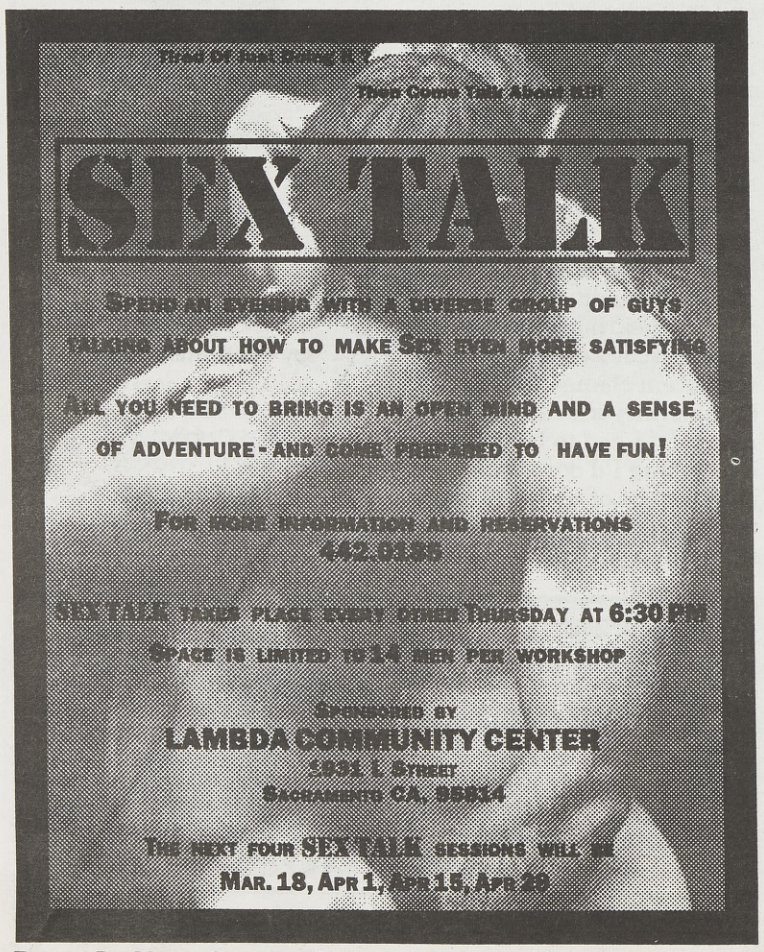
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Postal workers set up sting in gay magazines

For more than six months, the *Advocate* ran an ad for a business selling erotica that was actually a pornography sting operation targeting gay men by U.S. postal inspectors.

— *SGN*

Support fades for gays in military

A *Newsweek* poll released in November found only 48 percent of those polled supported lifting the ban on gays in the military, down from 58 percent in August.

— *LN*

Religious leaders want gay ban ended

Leaders of three Christian denominations and of Reform Judaism want President Clinton to end the ban on gays in the military.

— *Sacramento Bee*

AIDS in Europe

Only traffic accidents kill more young Parisian men. Sounding a new alarm in the European country worst hit by AIDS, government researchers say AIDS accounts for 40 percent of deaths among Parisian men age 25-44.

— *Sentinel*

Film festival needs you

The N.Y. Lesbian and Gay Experimental Film Festival would like to reach new audiences, curators, and makers, particularly lesbian/gay, of color, Southern hemispheric and immigrant communities. Information: NYLGEFF, c/o Festival Committee, 503 Broadway, Suite 503, N.Y., NY 10012 or call (212) 925-5883 by March 12. There will also be a separate call for individual film and video entries after April 2 with a deadline of June 15.

Miss America presents panel to NAMES Project

Leanza Corbett, Miss America 1993, presented a panel commemorating women of Central Florida who have died of AIDS to the NAMES Project Foundation in S.F. Her platform as 1993 Miss America is "AIDS Affects All."

C.G.N.I.E. hands over another check

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C.G.N.I.E.'s Doug Shaffer donated $500 to Sutter Hospice.

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Boston's family protection act passes

The Boston City Council passed by a 7-5 vote the Family Project Act, a sweeping ordinance granting health benefits to domestic partners and extended families of city employees.

Queer things at W. Beverly High

"If we look closely at *90210*, maybe we will see that it really isn't that heterosexual. Could Andrea be a closet lesbian? Is there an underlying homoeroticism between Dillon and Brandon? (They) popularized thin sideburns, a look that was already common among queers and ACT UP ... Their chummy friendship and touchy playfulness is similar to football players patting themselves on the rear ... You might have seen the episodes where a male character comes out ... Thank the producers for dealing with gay issues, but, for example, when Brandon talks about racism and anti-semitism have him also mention homophobia. Whether you like *90210* or not, it's very popular with young people. A pro-gay message could help educate." Write to Beverly Hills 90210, c/o Spelling Entertainment, 5700 Wilshire Blvd., #575, L.A., CA 90036.

— *Richard Volo*

Miss America presents a panel AIDS quilt

Miss America 1993, Leanza Cornett of Jacksonville, Flora, presented a 3x6 cloth panel commemorating women of Central Florida who have died of AIDS to the NAMES Project Foundation for inclusion in the 22,000-panel AIDS memorial quilt. The panel was made by members of a support group for heterosexual couples in which one or both members is HIV-positive.

Cammemeyer

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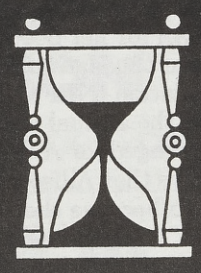
tended to — we have to tell people this is not a contagious condition — that there is no recruiting. We have to be vocal and supportive of the President in these next six months, we have to start phone banks and letter banks, we have to Xerox letters and mail them off, we have to march on Washington in April. We need to write letters to Colin Powell to tell him of 10 years of grave misconduct on the part of heterosexuals in this country. We have to face the hypocrisy. Commanding officers know who is gay and lesbian in their units — everybody knows — but they just can't be told about it."

Cammermeyer said she has given up her dream of becoming a general. "Why would I want to do that when I can be out here rabble rousing with the boys?" she said.

However, she said she would like to go back in order to regain the pension and benefits she lost by not leaving the military quietly. She would also like to implement the changes in policy. "Instead of this laundry list of problems people are bringing up, let's see what problems arise first and then we'll deal with issues of housing, health benefits and all the rest. Just remember, it's the conduct of heterosexual men that is causing the problems — they live in another world."

Cammermeyer revealed herself with humor and grace — she removed her jacket to display a sweater she was wearing which had stars on the shoulders — "I guess in spite of everything I'm still practicing for that general's job," she laughed. The packed house rose to its feet in applause after Cammermeyer was publicly thanked by Linda Joplin, State Coordinator of California's National Organization for Women.▼

Time never runs out...



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Sassy

Sassy is a monthly magazine for teenage girls which prides itself on being more up-to-date than other teen magazines. The January edition includes, on the "It Happened to Me" page, a coming out story by one of *Sassy's* readers. In the article Jennifer, who is now 20, tells about developing a friendship with a lesbian in high school, and how that relationship helped her accept her own sexual orientation. Jennifer tells her own story, then gives the reader advice on being sensitive to their lesbian and gay friends (whether they know who they are or not) and on coming out. Encourage *Sassy* to direct more stories at its lesbian readers. Write: *Sassy,* 230 Park Ave., New York, NY 10169.

Key West

The Fox Television Network last month premiered *Key West,* a sitcom with a morbid slant which includes a gay male character. The series centers around a New Jersey lottery winner who moves to Key West, Florida to become a writer. The cast is, for prime-time network TV, refreshingly diverse, racially and sexually. The gay character is Mayor Pembroke, who is running for reelection against a "family values" candidate who is also an alcoholic. This show breaks all the taboos of the fundamentalist through police — including sympathetic prostitutes, practitioners of voodoo, ad a new-age Chief of Police, in addition to the gay character. The show airs Tuesday evenings. *Key West* was the target of a fundamentalist letter-writing campaign before it ever made it to the airwaves. Contact Fox and thank them for standing up to the fanatics; also encourage them to include more lesbian and gay characters in the series. Write: Peter Chernin, president, Fox Broadcasting, Box 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90213.

National Women's History Project

A national press organization has forfeited thousands of dollars in order to stand up for lesbian and gay civil rights. To protest the passage of Colorado's Amendment 2, which legalized discrimination against lesbians, gays and bisexuals, the directors of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists recently voted to cancel their plans to hold their annual convention in Denver. Because deposits for accommodation are largely non-refundable, this has placed the organization under severe financial strain. Write the group and let them know how much their dedication to civil rights is appreciated. Contributions to help re-plan their convention can also be sent to: Diane Alverio, President, National Association of Hispanic Journalists, 1193 National Press Bldg., Washington DC 20045.

Naval Reserve Association

The Naval Reserve Association (NRA) News is a monthly glossy magazine for Naval Reserve Officers. The January issue included a "Presidential Message" from Captain Robert Lunney, president of the NRA. Lunney's message was a raving tirade about women, gays and lesbians in the military. Lunney claimed that "Tailhook crusaders" have "chilled debate" so that "expressing reservations about women in combat is tantamount to supporting sexual harassment." Lunney expressed his support for discrimination against lesbians and gays, saying "it is absurd to create protected minority out of those who choose to proclaim their preference for practicing sodomy and anal intercourse..." Write: Robert Lunney, President, Naval Reserve Association, 1619 King St., Alexandria VA 22314, (703) 548-5800.

Electronic Media

The January 4 issue of *Electronic Media,* a weekly magazine for media professionals, contained a great article on creating a supportive workplace environment for lesbians and gay men. Written by gay journalist Garrett Glaser, the article was titled "Creating a Climate for Coming 'Out'." Glaser carefully explained to media employers that creating a diversity-friendly workplace is not only the moral thing to do, but the most productive. He pointed out that minority employees who feel at ease may be a valuable resource on stories related to their communities. Glaser had a long list of suggestions for employers including that they express their support for lesbian and gay employees, that they encourage them to share as much of their family life as straight employees do, and that they let it be known that homophobic and racist jokes are inappropriate. Thank *Electronic Media* by writing: David Klein, Editor, *Electronic Media,* Crain Communications, 740 N. Rush St., Chicago, IL 60611.

Today Show

A human interest story about Victor Maul, a San Francisco man dealing with AIDS and his doctor's prediction of "six months to live," and 10-year-old Rudy Campbell, recently found broadcast time on both the *Today Show,* and the CBS *Evening News with Dan Rather.* As Victor watched TV coverage of the civil unrest in Los Angeles last year, he witnessed an interview of Rudy. With ruins still smoldering in the background, Rudy expressed the fear that his school would never reopen and he would never receive an education. Moved by Rudy's simple declaration, Victor decided to search for the boy and see if there was a way to meet him and possibly help. Hundreds of phone calls later, contact was made and Victor decided to make a financial commitment to guarantee an education for Rudy through college. Victor became Rudy's mentor. Both TV reports were positive and conveyed a sense of shared values and human concern. Said Victory, "I guess he will be my legacy." Comments to: Jeff Zucker, Executive Producer, *Today,* NBC News, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NY 10112; Mr. Erik Sorenson, Executive Producer, *The CBS Evening News with Dan Rather,* 524 W. 57th St., NY 10019.

Buchanan

Every four years politician/hate-monger Pat Buchanan, in a token avoidance of conflict of interest, temporarily relinquishes his TV and newspaper jobs in order to run for president. Last year there were hopeful signs that the media was beginning to recast Buchanan as the extremist he is — even some conservative observers condemned him for his racism, homophobia, and anti-Semitism. With the election over, Buchanan has been invited back into the mainstream, having been rehired by CNN. Buchanan has argued that gay and lesbian people should not exist; he has even exploited the tragedy of HIV to promote his hatred by characterizing the virus as "nature's retribution" against us. Buchanan's syndicated column has also resurfaced, appearing locally in the *San Francisco Examiner.* The media has an obligation to present diverse but reasonable perspectives, and that includes conservative perspectives — but selling Pat Buchanan as a "conservative" is like calling Joseph Stalin a liberal. Write: R.E. Turner, Chairman, Turner Broadcasting system, Box 105366, Atlanta, GA 30348; and Phil Bronstein, Editor, *S.F. Examiner,* 110 5th St., S.F. 94103.

Oklahoma

The Oklahoma State Center of the Book (OSCB) has turned down writer Dorothy Allison as a speaker. Allison, whose novel *Bastard Out of Carolina* was nominated for a National Book Award, is a lesbian writer known for her poetry. Executives at the National Book Foundation (NBF), which gives the annual awards and had arranged for Allison to speak, says that Allison was turned down because she was a lesbian. OSCB executives say the cancellation was due to scheduling problems. Write: Ann Hamilton, Marilyn Vesely, or David Clark, President Oklahoma State Center for the Book, 200 N.E. 18th St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, (405) 521-2502.

Anne Rudin honored

Special to MGW/Nancy Baril

The Coalition of Sacramento Women's Organizations (COSWO) held a "birthday party" for Anne Rudin. Pictured are Joanna Cassesse, Co-chairperson of Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change, Former Mayor Anne Rudin, and Rosemary Metrailer, Corporate Coordinator of Sacramento Area Career Women's Network (SACWN).

S.F. Downtown

The February issue of *San Francisco Downtown,* a monthly free newspaper "serving the financial, retail and SOMA districts" struck a blow for inclusivity. In recognition of Valentine's Day, the cover story "In love, In business" profiled four couples who have gone in business together. Three of the couples were heterosexual, while the fourth was Salvator Bovoso and Steven Reilly, the gay couple who own and operate Dottie's True Blue Cafe on Jones St. The article gay Bovoso and Reilly the same visibility and respect as the other couples, and was a welcome relief from the relentless heterosexism of Valentine's Day hype. Comments to: Leslie Harlib, Managing Editor, *S.F. Downtown,* 215 Leidesdorff St., #400, S.F. 94111, (415) 362-6641, fax (415) 362-2254.

Pennsylvania education alert

Last month the Pennsylvania Board of Education adopted a school curriculum reform proposal including guidelines for curriculum diversity. Fearful that some schools might actually follow the guidelines and teach tolerance, homophobes in the state House of Representatives have introduced a bill to squash this initiative. To resolve the conflict, the state legislature has been called upon to organize a group of "concerned citizens" to reach a consensus on the "controversial" regulations. Insist that curriculum reform proposals specifically define "diversity" as inclusive of sexual minorities. Write to Chaka Fattah, Majority Chair, Pennsylvania Senate, Main Capitol Bldg., Harrisburg, PA 17120; and Ron Cowell, Majority Chair, Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Main Capitol Bldg., Harrisburg PA 17120.

The only way to cure homophobia is to confront it! Notify the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, SF Bay Area Chapter, of all defamations, and if possible, supply documentation. Call (415) 861-4588, (408) 235-0229 or (510) 273-9146; fax (415) 861-4893; GLAAD/SFBA, 514 Castro St., #B, S.F., CA 94114.▼

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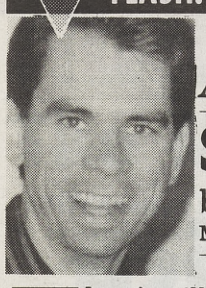

Anniversaries, birthdays, and more!

Sacramento's busy

by John Batchelor
MGW Staff

There's still time. Make plans for the **March on Washington** April 25! It's never too late to become an activist. A few of the local, friendly travel agencies assisting our community are: **Sports Leisure Travel, Red Shoes Travel** and **Aladdin Travel** ● **SLCC Goes to Washington** dance happens on April 9. Let's give a hardy send-off to those who will be representing us in Washington. Come and sign the banner for the March. Start the celebration early. The location is the Tuesday Club, Camellia Room ● Congratulations to **Patrick Gaffney** and **Robert Saavedra** on their 30-year anniversary!! ● Congratulations to **Del Martin** and **Phyllis Lyon,** authors of ***Lesbian Women*** on their 40th anniversary! Also, congratulations to **Olivia Records** on their 20th year in business!! ● Special Birthday wishes to **Joseph Migliaccio** on his 50th birthday!! ● In honor of Women's Herstory Month, **SACWN** presents **Lillian Faderman**. She is the author of ***Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers***." Join the crowd at the Sacramento Inn on March 20 ● **Lioness Books** on J & 23rd streets is producing a newsletter. **The Lioness Pride** will feature book reviews, reports on new music and announcements of Lioness events. Stop by the store for all the details ● One upcoming Lioness even is featured speaker **Darien Taylor** on March 19. The event is co-sponsored by C.A.R.E.S. and Sacramento AIDS Foundation. Darien Taylor is co-editor of ***Positive Women: Voices of Women Living with AIDS*** ● **All Walks of Life** (A.W.O.L.) is a computer bulletin board catering mostly to gay women. Message areas include **Dateless & Desperate, New Era Politics, Pets R Us, Creative Writing, Leisure Time and Working Women** and is run by **Jeannie** and **Debbie** — lovers for almost 10 years. Info: North Area ... 961-2896, South Area ... 737-9768 ● **Liz White** of **Valentis** fame left the kids at home and made it out for some well deserved fun. She was seen two-stepping the night away (or at least until 10:30pm) at a recent MCC Friday night dance. The country western dance nights are more popular than ever! ● **Twenty-three** people graduated recently from the Sacramento AIDS Foundation's **Hand to Hand Project**. While these volunteers are desperately needed, there is still a need for even more. Now may be the time to consider taking part in the program. Heartfelt thanks to all those currently involved ● By the time you read this, **Sue Larsen's Mixed Bag** and the **Annex** should be all under one roof. The 24 & K Street store is getting a face lift ..... new paint, fixtures, front window, awning, more goodies and more **aisle space** (we hope). Stop by and see ● One of the most civilized and fun ways to socialize is **Country Western Dancing**. Don't miss out on all the dancing to be had, join my mini-course at the MCC Ballroom starting March 22 and 23. Pick a day that works for you and get "out" on the dance floor ● **Where** do you start with this one? The party of all parties took place recently for two birthday boys. **Kurt Masters** and **Will Crews** celebrated the big **three-O** and party organizers chartered the Matthew McKinley boat in Old Sacramento. Party planners included; Will's other half — **Michael Dennis,** Kurt's roommates — **Fred Palmer** and **Matt Hansen,** (their names are listed under "wild" in the dictionary), two non-stop animated women **Karen Rylander** and **Laura Dunn *AND* David Jay** the fabulous bowler from the River City League. Organization was the key here and everyone received a lei upon arriving. The birthday boys wore sailor hats and grass skirts. After the cruise on the Sacramento River all 70 shipmates and the non-gay owners of the paddle boat progressed to the club house at the **Donny Callison** and **Jim McCann** complex. Donny and Jim registered recently under the new domestic partners ordinance. Club house festivities are sketchy but rumor has it that everyone had a great time. The party then moved to **Faces** with as many as seven people to a taxi cab. The driver apparently had a good sense of humor. Apparently the **crescendo** of the evening was when Kurt took off his shirt at the bar **and** Will removed his shirt under force. (Something "out of character" for both men.) The rest of the evening is off the record. Nonetheless it was a safe evening with the exception of one broken nose that was truly the result of an accident. Many happy returns ● Until next time, make those D.C. plane reservations! .....

John ▼

Front Runners race around Capitol

Special to MGW/James K. Brown

The Sacramento Front Runners, a running group for men and women, meet Saturday mornings at the Guy West Bridge, and Wednesday evenings at the Capitol steps.

Lambda board of directors installed

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Marghe Covino, Lambda President with the new Lambda Board of Directors, Lisa Loutzenheiser, Kay Tucker, Bates Borting, Pam Atkins, and Leigh DeBose.

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He follows through; she doesn't know when to quit.

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He makes wise judgments; she reveals her prejudices.

He is a man of the world; she's been around.

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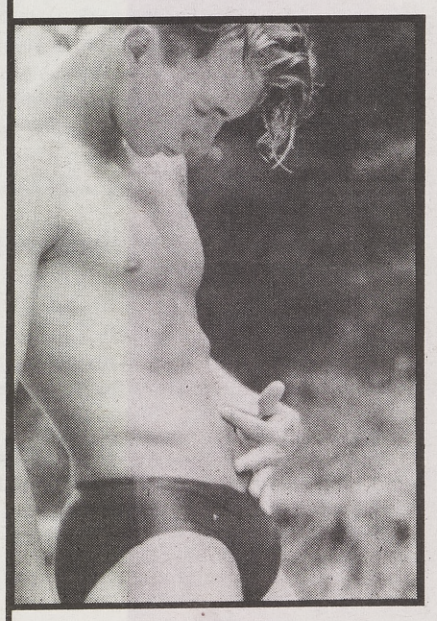

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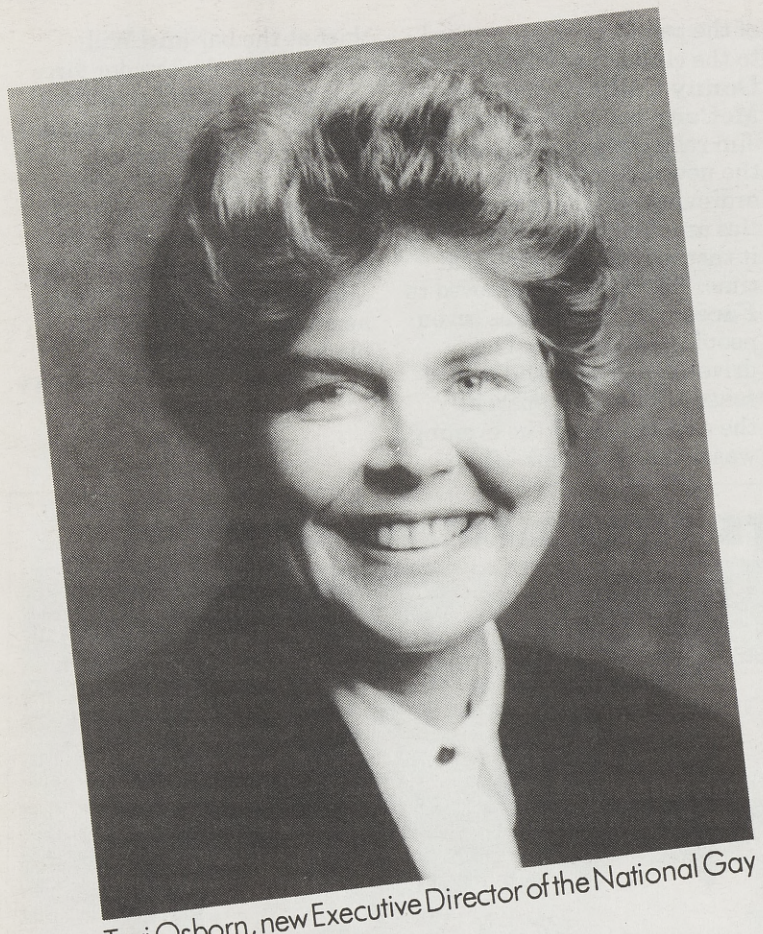

Tori Osborn, new Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Taking on Capitol Hill ...

The most exciting queer job in America

by Dell Richards
MGW Staff

Los Angeles — Calling her new position "the most exciting queer job in America," Torie Osborn has taken on Capitol Hill when she became the head of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). Although she'll miss Los Angeles and her lover, she's pleased to become one of the nation's preeminent gay lobbyists. "The gay and lesbian movement has come into its own as a movement," said Osborn. "I'm very excited about the opportunity to work on a national level." With nearly 15 years as an activist in the gay and lesbian community, Osborn comes highly recommended. She has directed many political campaigns; "No on 64," the California AIDS quarantine initiative defeated in 1986. With Robin Tyler, Osborn co-founded the West Coast Women's Music Festival. She also worked for both Holly Near's Redwood Records and Olivia.

During her four years at the Los Angeles Community Center, Osborn used her business and political acumen to make it the largest gay and lesbian center in the nation. An M.B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles, helped her double the center's budget and triple its staff. "When the board hired me as director, they were gambling that a woman could raise money for the center and not just for women's programs," said Osborn who raised the budget from $3.2 to $7.4 million. Despite that concrete success, Osborn doesn't see her tenure in monetary terms. She prides herself on the fact that she also dealt with problems of racism and sexism by recruiting and hiring more people of color, a process which already had begun, but she pushed further. "I insisted the organization could change," said Osborn. "I knew that it could be a partnership between men and women and people of color." A feminist, Osborn also restructured all services to include lesbians.

A California transplant, Osborn is the first person hired from the West Coast to head a major East Coast gay organization. She replaces Urvashi Vaid who is applying for fellowships, planning to write and spend time with her girlfriend, comic Kate Clinton. People who have worked with Osborn say that NGLTF couldn't have picked a better person. "Torie is one of the most thoughtful and profound leaders in our community," said Phill Wilson, founder of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum. "She represents a remarkable mixture of talents — experience from the feminist movement, from the lesbian perspective and women's music as well as business." Wilson admits the time is long due for organizations to hire more people color to positions of power. But he says that a call for "action instead of words" doesn't detract from his respect for Osborn's ability to bring people of colors and political stripes into the process. "If we are working in a political venue in Washington, D.C., we need to learn the rules and use that knowledge to bring forward our issues. Osborn has been very effective in that way."

Osborn hopes to bring a new kind of activism with her. At 42, she may be one of a new breed, an activist-cum-professional. Despite criticism from Queer Nation/L.A. for her approach, she doesn't think there's a continental divide between "the radicals and the suits." "That's not been my experience," said Osborn. "I got arrested outside the federal building one day and was inside the next day lobbying." Carol Anderson, who is with a vice-president of the Stonewall Democratic Club says that Osborn can bring disparate types together to focus on the matter at hand. "Torie is particularly talented at finding ways to keep the big picture in view," said Anderson. "I think a lot of us get altitude sickness from climbing over the mountains we make out of molehills. Torie is quite good at keeping those things from happening. "I'm sorry she's going. In fact, I told her I'm going to sabotage the plane to keep her here!"

"I think a lot of us get altitude sickness from climbing over the mountains we make out of molehills..."

Osborn admits she's not an "inside-the-beltway kind of gal but thinks that won't stand in her way. "I'm hoping to bring some of the West Coast perspective to Washington, D.C.," said Osborn. "Los Angeles is a multi-racial, multi-cultural city. On the West Coast, there's a fearlessness about everything from spirituality to feminism and New Age politics that fight the world ways of thinking." That West Coast energy and vision was one reason NGLTF asked her to come on board. "That California energy, intensity and background are going to be perfect for the agenda of this movement as we go into the second half of this decade," said Robert Bray, director of public information at NGLTF. "The vision of where the movement needs to go in terms of organizing and professionalism, of aggressively advocating both on the streets and in the halls of power, all came together in her."

Born in Copenhagen, Osborn also thinks other facets of her West Coast experience will come in handy when she faces Congressional legislators used to hearing a watered down version of Fundamentalist hate. "We've seen in L.A. how they tried to take over school boards and have infiltrated and taken over AIDS commissions," said Osborn. "They are on a mission from God to take over the country — starting at the local level." Even with a Clinton victory, Osborn doesn't see the right-wing melting into the woodwork. She thinks the gay community will play a special role in the fight against them, not as scapegoats but leaders. "They're not going to go away. They are mobilized and have had a green light for 12 years," said Osborn. "But because we're at the center of this battle, we've learned techniques for fighting them."

Osborn believes we can use those techniques to win. As head of one of the most important gay lobbying organizations in the country, she is in a unique position to lead the way.

Dell Richards is a syndicated journalist whose book, Lesbian Lists, is available nationwide.▼

MARCH ON WASHINGTON CALENDAR

The March demands

1. We demand passage of a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender civil rights bill and an end to discrimination by state and federal governments including the military; repeal of all sodomy laws and other laws that criminalize private sexual expression between consenting adults.

2. We demand massive increase in funding for AIDS education, research, and patient care; universal access to health care including alternative therapies; and an end to sexism in medical research and health care.

3. We demand legislation to prevent discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgendered people in the areas of family diversity, custody, adoption and foster care and that the definition of family includes the full diversity of all family structures.

4. We demand full and equal inclusion of lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgendered people in the educational system, and inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender studies in multicultural curricula.

5. We demand the right to reproductive freedom and choice, to control our own bodies, and an end to sexist discrimination.

6. We demand an end to racial and ethnic discrimination in all forms.

7. We demand an end to discrimination and violent oppression based on actual or perceived sexual orientation/identification, race, religion, identity, sex and gender expression, disability, age, class, AIDS/HIV infection.▼

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MGW/ Brian Ashby

Mark Hoffman would like to remind **everyone** to get your reservations in now for the March on Washington, April 25. Mark, Del or Scott can be reached at Sports Leisure Travel, 361-2051.

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March Office	1 (202)	328-0493
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Platform of the 1993 March on Washington for lesbian, gay, and bi equal rights and liberation...

ACTION STATEMENT PREAMBLE TO THE PLATFORM

The lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender movement recognizes that our quest for social justice fundamentally links us to the struggles against racism and sexism, class bias, economic injustice and religious intolerance. We must realize if one of us is oppressed we all are oppressed. The diversity of our movement requires and compels us to stand in opposition to all forms of oppression that diminish the quality of life for all people. We will be vigilant in our determination to rid our movement and our society of all forms of oppression and exploitation, so that all of us can develop to our full human potential without regard to race, religion, sexual orientation/identification, identity, gender and gender expression, ability, age or class.▼

Thursday April 22
Lobby Days, office visits on Capitol Hill
Chorus Festival
Masquerade Ball
National Bear Gathering
Lincoln Memorial, noon, (206) 624-1195
NMAC Congressional Dinner, (202) 544-1076
Candlelight Vigil, Holocaust Museum, Rachel Wallenberg Plaza, 8pm

Friday April 23
Lobby Days, office visits on Capitol Hill
NGLTF Lesbian Action Breakfast, 8am, 1734 14th St. N.W.
NGLTF Open House, 11am-4pm, 1734 14th St. N.W.
Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf Conference, Party, (301) 270-5484 V & TTY, (301) 649-4332 TTY
MOW Black Tie Banquet
Drag Show Extravaganza, (202) 265-5891
Gay and Lesbian Parent Coalition International, banquet and reception, (301) 762-4828.
ACT UP/Network Benefit, (816) 753-5930
Harmonic Convergence — A Gay and Lesbian Choral Festival, Lisner Auditorium/GWU, 21st and H, NW, 8pm
HOEDOWN! Country Western Dance Extravaganza, National Bldg. Museum, 401 F St., NW, 9pm
Gay and Lesbian Elected Officials Gathering, (206) 684-5321
HRCF Gala Dinner, (202) 628-4160
People of Color Conference, 8am-5pm, (202) 628-0493.
People With Disabilities Dance, (408) 929-7128, (708) 524-0600
Gay and Lesbian Pilots Assoc. Reception, Embassy Suites Hotel, 7pm

Saturday April 24
Hands Around the Capitol, noon, (202) 328-2437
NGLTF Fight the Right Town Meeting, 1-4pm, Washington Hilton
Honoring Our Allies Reception, 4-7pm, Washington Hilton
NGLTF Fundraiser — Romanovsky & Phillips, Margie Adam, Karen Williams, 8pm, DC Auditorium, $18
Gay Rites Dance, 9pm-4am, Washington Hilton
Americans We, 7:30pm, Lesbian/Gay Bands of America
Wedding Ceremony of Commitment, 11am, IRS Bldg. (213) 464-5100
Drag Show Extravaganza
Texas Two Step Party, 6pm, (512) 479-8473
Bi National Gathering
Harvey Milk Memorial Unveiling
Motorcycle Run
S/M Leather Fetish Conference
Interfaith Service
MSU/GALA Reunion
Purple Circuit Reception
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Prisoner Proxy Project
Bands of America Concert

Tune to Shine Day of Healing for PWAs
AA & Al-Anon Speakers & Dance
Asian and Pacific Islander Dinner
Tony Chang's Restaurant, 619 H St. NW, 7pm, (301) 345-1230
Bisexual Dance, GWU, 9pm-1am, (617) BIS-MOVE
March on Washington Party, Tracks, 10pm, (202) 488-3320
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Texas Two-Step Party, Food and Dance Tracks, 6pm, (512) 479-8473
Reception Honoring U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein MCC of Washington, 474 Ridge St., 5pm, (213) 464-5100
Washington Blade — Welcoming Breakfast for Gay & Lesbian members of the media, 1408 U St., NW, 9am-11am, (202) 797-7000
The Wedding — Interfaith Ceremony of Commitment, IRS Bldg., (213) 464-5100
Wedding Reception, (213) 464-5100
Youth Dance, 10pm-1am, (215) 241-7133

Sunday April 25
Opening stage and assembly rally, White House Ellipse, 9am-1pm
The March, Noon
Main Stage & Rally, 2pm-6pm
Freedom Rings Dance, 9pm-2am, Washington Hilton, (617) 262-4878
Disco Dance, AmFAR, National Bldg. Museum, Grand Hall, 7pm-2am
MCC Service at Lincoln Memorial, 7:30pm, (213) 464-5100
Missing In Action, Mall, all day, (212) 853-3908
Lesbian Physicians Conference, (215) 476-7462, thru Weds.
NAMES Project Quilt Display, (415) 863-1966
Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, 479-7934
Guys and Dolls, $100, Kennedy Center, (202) 628-0493

Monday April 26
March on the Pentagon, (202) 332-1212, (404) 933-1953, (718) 768-6852
Lobby Days, MOW, NGLTF, HRCF, Mobilization Against AIDS, office visits on Capitoll Hill
Direct Action/Civil Disobedience, (415) 930-0616

Tuesday April 27
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HOUSE OF STRAW BY ANDROSS

Chapter Nine

This is the story of Adam ...

Previously: Adam prepares to execute his demise. Exhausted and frustrated Larry tries everything he can to talk him out of it ...

As I stood, assessing the best way to die by leaping from the building, Larry said something that had totally caught me off guard. He said, "Turn around," but he didn't say it, he sang it.

He sang it just as I had in front of him when I had heard the song on the radio.

This was impossible! How could he be so sensitive? I had listened to that song in his presence countless times, but never realized that he had caught on at how much it meant to me.

"Every now and then I get a little bit lonely and you're never coming 'round," I returned.

"Turn around," he repeated.

"Every now and then I get a little bit tired of listening to the sound of my tears," I spoke, half crying, half singing.

"Turn around."

"Every now and then I get a little bit nervous that the best of all the years have gone by."

"Turn around."

"Every now and then I get a little bit terrified but then I see the look in your e..." I paused and looked at him, his eyes were soft and understanding, a clear tear fell from the corner, "... eyes."

"Turn around bright eyes..." he continued.

"Every now and then i fall apart, and I need you now tonight, and I need you more than ever, and if you'll only hold me tight, we'll be holdin' on forever ... together we can take it to the end of the line, love is like a shadow on me all of the time ... I really need you tonight ... Forever's gonna start tonight ..."

"Forever's gonna start tonight," he affirmed. He held out his arms, and I fell into them bawling like a frightened child. He wrapped his strong arms around me, and held me.

"Everything will be fine, I will help you get over this, we can do it. You don't have to be gay." I ignored what he said, I loved him, and that was a fact that I could no longer fight. All I knew was that his friendship was important to me, and I felt closer to him than I ever had.

We climbed down from the rooftop, and began to walk home. "You pack quite a wallop," he said chuckling.

I managed a small snicker, but did not look up at him. I was afraid that look of understanding may have left. I wanted to remember that look, and not see anything else from him.

At home the sheriff was outside. My mother had called them after realizing I was likely to commit suicide judging from what she read in my diary. He filled out his papers and was gone. Tired from discussion, and figuring out life I went to bed. I did not know what tomorrow would bring, but for the first time in a long time I did not allow myself to be disturbed by it.

Early the next morning my friends Amanda and Marilyn came over to visit me. I didn't really want to see Amanda, she was a girl at work that was always staring at me like a starving woman. Everyone at work paired us together, and it was no secret that she liked me. I was glad to see Marilyn, although she used to have a crush on me, we were past it, and now were really good friends.

"Thank God you're alright!" she exclaimed. "Marilyn called your mother and found out what happened. She stopped by for lunch on her way over and I heard what had happened. Everyone at work is concerned! I took the rest of the day off and had to come right over!"

My mother promised she would not tell anyone. She had already told Larry, now Marilyn. If Marilyn knew — everyone knew ...

To be continued ...

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UCD staff and students identify issues

Approximately 120 faculty, staff and students from all UCD campuses and labs gather to discuss domestic partnerships, classroom climate and overcoming resistance to research on gay/lesbian issues.

In February the faculty, staff, and students from seven California Universities gathered at U.C. Davis to discuss lesbian, gay and bisexual issues. The objective was to identify important issues and submit a list of recommendations to U.C. President Jack Peltason.

Further research was suggested in the areas of ; partnership rights in student housing, lesbians, gays, and Bisexuals in campus staff, faculty and student body, and AIDS education.

Present was Associate Vice Chancellor of Employee Relations and Staff Affairs, Dennis Shimek; who was awarded a "Queen for a Day" button in good humor for his efforts in promoting awareness of the issues. He spoke with the staff in a meeting regarding the need for rights of same sex couples in employee benefits and housing. Students also discussed the need for awareness of lesbians, gay, and bisexuals on campus. Instructors from various campuses spoke about how they were trying to heighten awareness.

It was also pointed out that the U.C. system is headed for an inevitable revolution. In the mid 90's many faculty and staff are up for retirement. At that time the system must bring in individuals who are not afraid to deal with lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues, and issues that are amently ignored in curriculum.▼

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Colleges and gays

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Thirty thousand students were polled on college life, academics, extracurricular activities, college ranking and results compiled in a guide for college students. One of the most fascinating pages was the following:

School rankings: demographics

■ ***Gays out of closet:***

Bryn Mawr College	New College-Univ. of So. Florida
Grinnell College	Wesleyan University
Simon's Rock of Bard College	Vassar College
Rhode Island School of Design	Juilliard School
Goddard College	Oberlin College
Bard College	Beloit College
Reed College	Tufts University
Hampshire College	Smith College
Sarah Lawrence College	Parsons School of Design
Bennington College	Carleton College

■ ***Gays still in closet:***

Lafayette College	Muhlenberg College
Washington and Lee Univ.	University of Dayton
Rose-Hulman Inst. of Tech.	Baylor University
Randolph-Macon College	Colorado School of mines
Rhodes College	Seton Hall University
College of Holy Cross	Wittenberg University
Villanova University	Franklin and Marshall College
Brigham Young University	DePauw University
Wofford College	Claremont-Claremont McKenna
Clarkson University	Manhattanville College

■ ***Gay community accepted***

Deep Springs College	Hampshire College
Bennington College	Bard College
New Coll.-Univ. of So. Florida	Rhode Island School of Design
Eugene Lang College	Parsons School of Design
Reed College	Sarah Lawrence College
Simon's Rock of Bard College	Grinnell College
Marlboro College	Smith College
Bryn Mawr College	Vassar College
Goddard College	Oberlin College
College of the Atlantic	Juilliard School

■ ***Homophobic:***

Lafayette College	Clemson University
Baylor University	Fairfield University
Rose-Hulman Inst. of Tech.	Villanova University
Washington and Lee Univ.	Providence College
Brigham Young University	Colorado School of Mines
Randolph-Macon College	University of North Dakota
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Sticks and stones

by Elisabeth Pyle
MGW Staff

***Sticks and Stones*, Jackie Calhoun, Naiad Press, 1992, 190 pages, $9.95 paperback**

Teaching is the most dangerous profession for lesbians and gay men. We have all been told that since we first wondered about the gym teacher or the guidance counselor — are they or aren't they, and, if they are, why don't they let us know?

Jackie Calhoun takes that old fear and writes a novel based on the "what if." An anonymous letter appears at the school in which two closeted lesbian lovers teach, announcing that one "holds a position where she can influence or corrupt students." It would be one that Alex and Sue could shrug off if only Sue wasn't going through a hard fought custody battle for her 6-year-old daughter. Or if Alex wasn't trying to reform a 17-year-old delinquent male with after-school athletic activities.

They are weathering the storm when the stables of their best friend mysteriously burn — an obvious hate crime that may be the outgrowth of the letter or the actions of the troubled student.

It is a well developed plot that touches on old fears and new solutions, Calhoun creates a powerful statement on today's mores that have been built on yesterday's beliefs. Worth the time and the cost of this little sleeper.▼

Delia Ironfoot

by Elisabeth Pyle
MGW Staff

***Delia Ironfoot*, Jeane Harris, Naiad Press, 1992, 180 pages, $9.95 paperback**

This is another in the summer reading series for getting away from it all novels. *Delia Ironfoot* is set in the Uinta Mountains of Utah, far far away from the long stretch of interstate that we Sacramentans think of as the fastest way to get out of Salt Lake City and back to the Sierras. The cool mountainous forests are the setting for a tale of suspense and romance.

Delia Ironfoot has lost her tenure as an archeology professor due to the fraudulent practices of her lover and has returned to the mountains to work her uncle's ranch, raise llamas and lead women only raft trips. Just when she thinks she is healing, Beth Collins, a Chicago stockbroker enters her life. Beth asks Delia to lead her into the mountains to find Beth's missing friend. Their trek leads them into an assault by unknown assailants and they find themselves in a desperate struggle to survive.

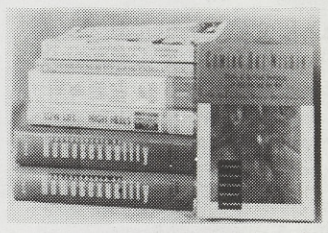
An exciting book that includes well developed characters and sets tones of feeling and description that are seldom found in many small press offerings. The skillful writing hooks you from the first pages. If you don't end up reading this one in one sitting it's because you were interrupted by an offer you could/ would/should not refuse.▼

A touching war tale

reviewed by Laura Enright
MGW Staff

Tory's Tuesday, by Linda Kay Silva, Paradigm Publishing Co., Box 3877, San Diego, 92163, 1992, 184 pages, $8.95.

Tory's Tuesday is a touching tale of love, strength and



commitment set in Bialystok, Poland, 1939. Marissa, a Pole, and Elsa, a Jew, are two lovers trapped in a Nazi death camp during World War II. Both women must try their best to stay alive during a time when everyone around them is dying.

Although *Tory's Tuesday* is a fictional story, it is a very emotional one that helped me to catch a glimpse of the horrors and atrocities that were inflicted ON thousands and thousands of innocent people during a very hateful period in history. *Tory's Tuesday* is presented to the reader in a way that makes us remember our history lessons, even if we don't want to.

I recommend that *Tory's Tuesday* become a part of every lesbian book collection and stand as a constant reminder that the hateful acts against any of us have happened before and in many cases are happening again.▼

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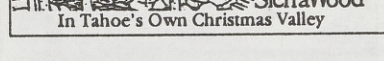

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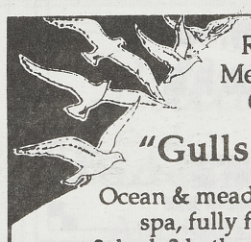
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McClatchy grad's book celebrates feminism

by K.K. Ray
MGW Staff

Pamela Harris' Faces of Feminism is not about ego or making money — it's about growth: growth of the photographer, growth of her subjects, and most importantly, the growth of their audience.

Originally conceptualized as a portrait series documenting the Canadian women's movement, the collection of 75 photographs is accompanied by essays and poetry eloquently and honestly created by Harris' subjects. These women's many different voices unite in Harris' book to sing the song of the modern women's movement and to transcend readers' complacency into motivation to further and celebrate the cause we call feminism.

Special to MGW/Pamela Harris
Eunadie Johnson Thompson, from "Faces of Feminism," published by Second Story Press, 1992.

Several of the essays and poems are published in both French and English, and focus on topics ranging from abortion to farming to midwifery and nearly everything in between. Women in Faces of Feminism are photographed within their own surroundings — whether it be on or next to a quarter horse, in front of a rape-crisis center or sitting comfortably in their living room with their children.

Photographed with her hands on her hips as if in defiance, Rape Crisis Worker Diane Duggan of St. John's, Newfoundland writes "we know now that we are taking part in a revolution that will drastically change the world. We will settle for nothing less than a society which truly values women and children. For this reason, I have no choice but to be a radical feminist. No woman does."

Pictured on the book's cover is Native Activist and Spiritual Teacher Sky Blue Mary Morin. Here is a sample of her poetry in Faces of Feminism:

> But can you last, Earth Mother?
> I pray the offerings of Tobacco
> I give to you will help.
> I pray our Respect grows
> for your Sacredness,
> and keeps you Strong;
> for should you Cease,
> so will the People.

Harris, a former Sacramentan and McClatchy High School alumnus, writes in her afterword "historically, what we do or know as women has been written on sand and washed away by regular tides of patriarchal revision." She adds, "the story is about energy ... I caught it from the women I met — diverse, specific, thoughtful and energetic—and tried to put it into this book. Now the energy that comes from these women on these pages is yours, to catch and use. That's what empowerment is all about."

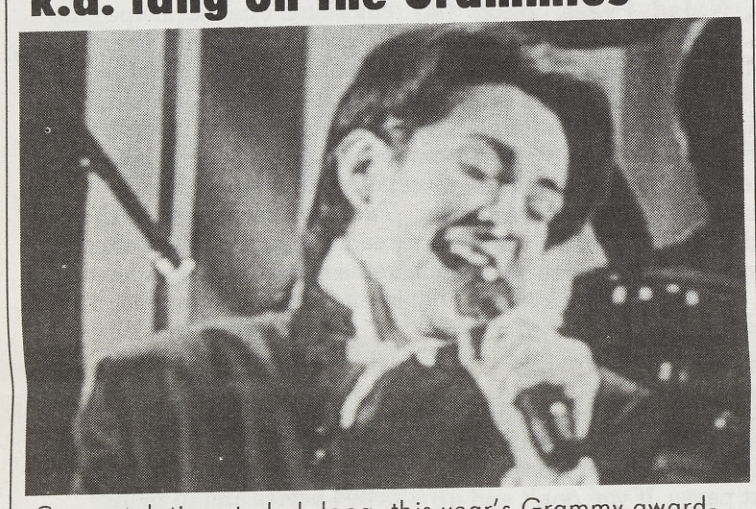
Faces of Feminism is a truly inspiring collection that touches as well as entertains the reader. It moves its audience through a range of emotional connections with the various messages within the text and crisp black and white images not ever to be forgotten.

Pamela Harris' Faces of Feminism is currently available at Lioness Bookstore in Sacramento.▼

Artists show work for AIDS

MGW/Sharon Speller
The 3rd Annual Multi-Ethnic Art Show was held recently to commemorate National Women's History Month. Kitty O'Neal, KFBK radio, was the mistress of ceremonies.

k.d. lang on the Grammies



Congratulations to k.d. lang, this year's Grammy award-winning Best Pop Female Vocal Performer.

History of lesbians presented at SACWN

Lillian Faderman, author of *Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers* will be the speaker at the March 20 meeting of the Sacramento Area Career Women's Network at the Sacramento Inn. *Odd Girls* is a history of lesbians in 20th century America.

Faderman begins her research in the late 19th century documenting "romantic friendships" between women. Using personal letters as the basis for her observations, Faderman speculates that though these relationships were very passionate, they were predominately celibate.

Odd Girls follows lesbians through the "chic" of the 1920s, the repressiveness of the 1930s to the resurgence of lesbianism during World War II. Women were needed to replace men in civilian and military jobs and the all-women factories brought a "lesbian boom." Even the military encouraged leniency and understanding of lesbians during the "war effort."

With the end of the war came McCarthyism and homosexuality was considered the major cause of society's ills. One of the first Executive Orders signed by President Eisenhower mandated the scrutiny of new job applicants and government employees for homosexuality.

The gay civil rights movement led by the Stonewall Rebellion of 1969 brought a new sense of freedom for lesbians.

Tickets are $12 for members, $17 for non-members and $20 at the door. SACWN monthly meetings are open to women over the age of 21. Info: 451-8034. ▼

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A Midsummer Night's Dream

Reviewed by Elisabeth Pyle
MGW Staff

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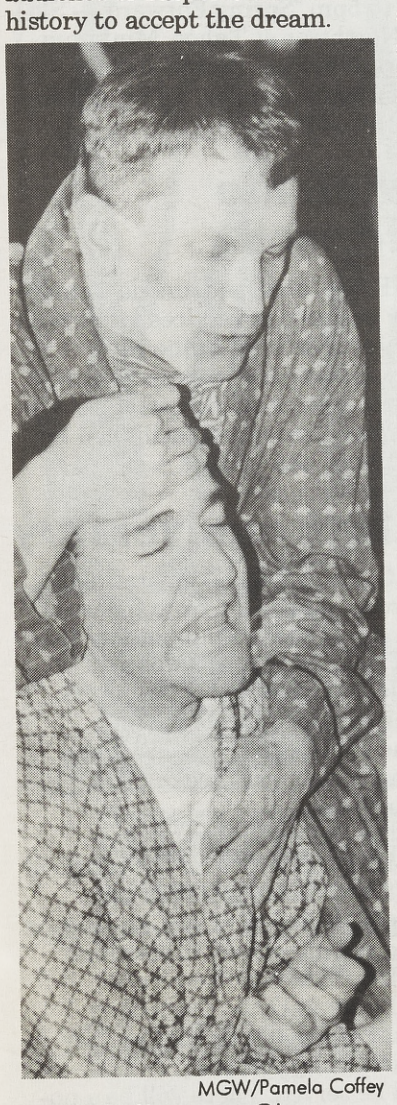
When William Shakespeare wrote *A Midsummer Night's Dream,* he asked his audience to suspend time and history to accept the dream.



MGW/Pamela Coffey
Daniel W. Slauson as Oberon, King of the Fairies comforts Titania, Queen of the Fairies as played by Thomas Bach.

He moved Arden Wood outside the city of Athens, he integrated English fairies with Athenian lords, married the Duke of Athens to an Amazon Queen and invited british serfs and merchants to entertain the nobles. Director Tim Ocel has moved Shakespeare one better and moved the play to the present date and removed any of the playwright's gender identifiers. The result is a total realization that Shakespeare was the first playwright to embrace the theatre of the absurd and create an enchanting evening which makes even the most reticent theatre going participate in the play and enjoy the evening.

Ocel is a playwright's dream of a director. Not a word is changed while the director plays with the visualization of the characters, the setting and the tone of the piece. Theseus and Hippolyta, the Duke and Amazon Queen respectively are women; Oberon and Titania, the King and Queen of the Fairies are men; and Bottom's band of weavers are Church Ladies. Puck and the Fairy's in waiting are surgical assistants, fitting with Ocel's interpretation of Oberon's and Titania's imminent demise.

It is a brilliant staging. The cast is a blend of polished actors and actresses with the raw talent that encourages support from all who watch. Daniel W. Slauson as Oberon, Harvey Farr as Puck, Linda Rae Betcher as Theseus, Greg Parker as Lysander and Laura Mattice as Ms. Bottom shine with their talent and training. Betcher was exceptionally strong without dominating, Farr commanding without over-acting. Less strong as the role was not as prominent, but commendable were Ruth Haynes as Mrs. Snug, Betty Francis as Egeus and Julee Caro as Hermia. None felt the need to act in a classic Shakespearian mode. Ocel's hand was firm on the cast and the result was outstanding.

Theatre in the round can be uncomfortable for the audience but in this case, we were the trees of Arden Woods as the actors darted from every conceivable entry to deliver lines and move about. The effect added to the total acceptance of the premise and tie the scenes and story together.

Lambda Players are to be congratulated and supported. This endeavor proves their maturity and professional approach to the stage. As a community, we should attend and support the play. As individuals who remember Shakespeare as an uncomfortable experience in eighth grade, we need to see the play as the playwright meant it, an experience in the absurd, a suspension of time and reality. Becket and Ionesco learned their form from reading this comedy, we should learn from Ocel's interpretation.▼

Chanticleer performs in perfect harmony

by K.K. Ray
MGW Staff

An even dozen vocalists make up Chanticleer: this country's only professional a capella ensemble. Dressed to the nines in black tuxedos, the all-male chorus entertained in the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Special to MGW
Chanticleer will be back by April 25.

German songs of the Romantic era and the Renaissance were featured during the concert, and included such titles as *Die lotosblume* (The Lotus Flower), *Sehnsucht* (Yearning), and *So trinken wir alle* (So Drink We All). Also included in the evening's repertoire were German songs composed by Robert Schumann and lyrics written by Goethe.

For those in the audience that did not understand German, the lyrics and song titles were printed in English in the program. Though I missed all of the puns within the lyrics, I thought I had an advantage over those German speakers in the audience because I wasn't distracted from hearing the richness, depth and perfection of the tones by paying attention to the lyrics.

The richness of the choirs' tenor, countertenor, bass and baritone voices overshadowed the absence of accompanying instruments. The purity of Chanticleer's sound was paralleled only by their own stage presence and ability to convey with body language the sentiment of the lyrics.

A not-for-profit organization, Chanticleer will perform this year in such cities as Singapore, Hong Kong, Kalamazoo, New York. The group is scheduled to return to Sacramento, April 25 for a concert at the Westminster Church.

Chanticleer has compact discs and cassette tapes available. Info: (800) 950-1177.▼

A must see ...

One of the supporting actresses, Kate the Great, suffered a lamentable injury the night of the opening performance but was able to go on the following evening, a tribute to her dedication to the theatre.

The near tragedy occurred following the first night party (events that are known for their frivolity and wanton behavior). Kate was moved to depart the festivities quickly and without notice and found herself in strange surroundings. Confused and disoriented, she sought to return to those who love her but was dazzled by bright lights and uncertain environs. Bewildered, she braved dark of night, early spring temperatures and uneven terrain until she ferreted out the arms that love and hold her.

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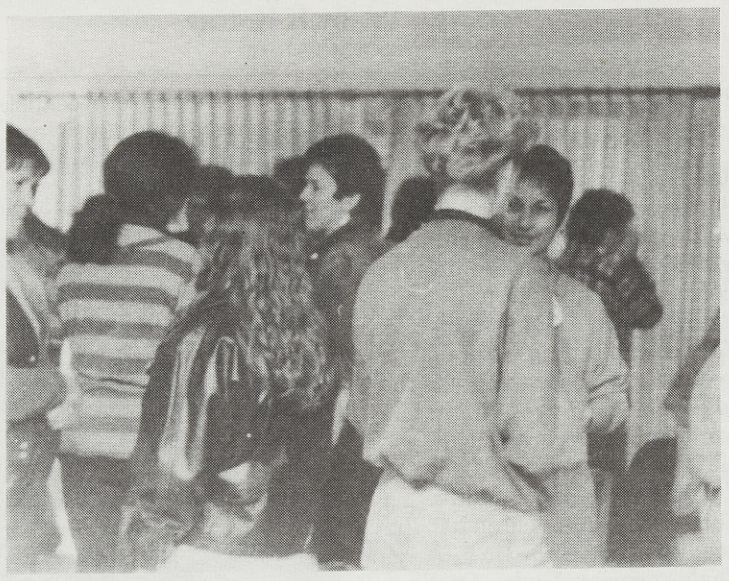

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Breast cancer fundraiser

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Snow skiers head for the slopes

Sunday, April 4 from 8am to 5pm "Spring Forward — Ski Bash '93" will be held at Northstar at Tahoe. Minimum pledge for individual skiers $75. Four person slalom teams, $125 minimum pledge per team member. To benefit the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. Info: 448-AIDS.▼

Co-ed domestic violence support groups formed

A pilot project between WEAVE and the Lambda Community Center offers a new program of services for victims and perpetrators of domestic violence in the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community. Co-ed drop-in support groups for victims and co-ed anger control groups for perpetrators will be offered every week at the Lambda Center and facilitated by WEAVE counselors. Info: 442-0185 or 448-2321.▼

RCDC celebrates 10th anniversary

The River City Democratic Club (RCDC) is celebrating its 10th anniversary on Saturday, March 20, from 6-9pm at Faces Video Room at 20th & K streets. The theme of this year's celebration is "10 Years of Building Our Rainbow." The guest list includes elected officials and members of the broad coalition which will make this a real family celebration.

RCDC is considered to be one of the most influential and powerful Democratic Clubs in the Sacramento region. The groups many accomplishments include:

Assisting in the adoption of the Domestic Partnership Ordinance, creating the AIDS Memorial Grove on the ramps of Highway 50 at Bradshaw Road (200 trees dedicated in the memory of men and women who have died of AIDS), mobilizing tremendous volunteer efforts and raising money in elections ranging from the election of Barbara Boxer to the recent election of City Councilmember Deborah Ortiz. Protecting Lavender Heights by assuring that it was not divided by City Council District lines in the Redistricting process.

Hors d'oeuvres and cake will be served. There will be a no-host bar and admission is $10. Tickets will be available at the door. Info: 394-3114.▼

How the party works

Political consultant Richard Ross will be the featured speaker at the general meeting of the River City Democratic Club on Monday, March 15, 6:30pm at the YWCA, 1122 17th St.

Richard Ross is a Sacramento based political strategist and media consultant. Ross has more than 19 years political experience and has managed more than 200 campaigns. He has managed campaigns for state and local offices, including the election of Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, L.A. County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Sacramento Mayor Joe Serna and most recently, Councilmember Deborah Ortiz. Info: 394-2214.▼

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Psycho Killers and Twisted Sisters will be shown Tuesday, March 30, 7pm, CSUS, University Union, Redwood Room. The film features the gay man in his most frequent role, that of the psychopathic killer, and the lesbian in hers, the dangerous predator. The presentation incorporates clips of American films as well as scenes from Chinese, German, Greek, Italian, French, and British movies. Tickets: Lioness Books, 2224 J St., The Lambda Center, 20th & L.▼

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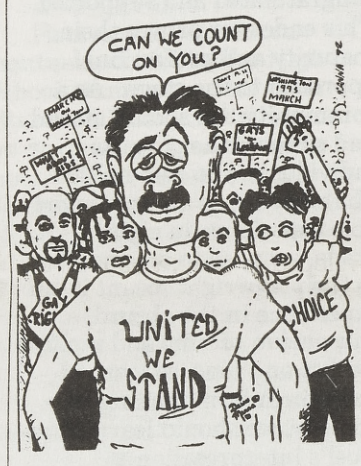

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Warm weather pet care

by Joan B. Guertin
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From all indications, March roared in like the proverbial lion and is proceeding toward a lamb-like finish. Spring storms were a blessing to a land that has been parched for the past few years. Suddenly, with temperatures soaring, some days are almost more like summer. While much appreciated in some respects, it heralds the advent of problems for our pets. So, now is the time to begin taking action so that Rover and Tabby won't suffer.

One of the first problems I noticed the other evening is the early advent of mosquitoes. Make sure that your dogs are tested for heartworm and kept on a preventative. Heartworm, carried my mosquitoes, will literally get a stranglehold on your pet's heart. Your vet can do a blood test to determine if your dog has been infected. If so, treatment can begin immediately or, if clear, you have the option of administering either daily medication or a once-a-month version.

Fleas are going to be a major problem this year. We are already seeing evidence of them on a daily basis at the Dog Wash. There are a number of approaches to treating this problem and sometimes experimentation is the only answer to finding the solutions that will work for you. You must rid the dog of the pests. Not defleaed, your dog and your cat can become victims of tape worm, a parasite carried by the flea. Or, you will see the eruptions of flea allergies that will make your animal miserable.

Scratching is not necessarily a sign that your dog or cat has fleas. Look for signs of tiny specks of black dirt around the genital area, or around the base of the tail. This is flea dirt and is usually a good sign that the animal is being visited by the pests. Since fleas don't spend all of their times on the dog or cat, it is safe to say that they are in your yard, the carpets and in the pet's bedding. All of these areas should be dealt with at one time so that the animal can get a fresh, clean start. Most people will take the dog or cat in for a thorough bathing or grooming at the same time that the exterminators are working on defleaing the premises. Clean out the sleeping area and washing bedding, and don't forget to deflea the car.

Be aware that fleas are everywhere, so even though you have gone through the motions, your pet can still pick up new, live fleas while out for an evening stroll. So, it doesn't hurt to dust them with a quick kill flea powder before heading for the part or when you return, go over them with a fine-tooth flea comb and drop live fleas into a bowl of soapy water or alcohol. Another excellent flea repellent is Avon Skin-So-Soft. This is the bath oil for humans that has been a popular repellent among horse people for years for flies and mosquitoes. It works wonderfully for humans and animals when mixed in a solution of one ounce Skin-So-Soft to a gallon of water. I am keeping a spray bottle handy at the house and taking it out to my dog training classes.

It is discouraging to spend both time and on defleaing only to find that your efforts are unsuccessful. Part of the problem stems from a lack of understanding of the flea life cycle. Anything that we use can only kill the flea in the egg or the live stage. The middle stage of the three-phase cycle is the pupae or cocoon which appears to be immune to any chemical that have been developed to date. When treating, most people are only reaching the live flea since they spend only about 15 percent of their two-week life span on the dog, feeding. The rest of the time fleas are in the ground or your carpets, reproducing. "It is a fact, two fleas in a brand new house with one pet can produce over 100 trillion offspring in just one year" according to the manufacturers of Torus, an insect growth regulator for extended insect control, a product I highly endorse. When talking to experts about flea control for your premises, ask about IGR's. Without them, you will have a reinfestation within seven to 10 days and your premises will have to be retreated.

I have a personal problem with chemical saturation of my pets and my premises so I personally have looked for ways to treat the problem without endangering either myself or my pets. The personal regiment that I follow that is working for me is a yearly treatment with Torus. A light misting both inside and out lasts throughout the flea season and is non-toxic to the animals and kills the eggs. Since the live flea only lives about two weeks, they will die naturally if I don't pick them up with my vacuum (I use a Rainbow, with some liquid soap or an oil-based air freshener in the water canister to kill any live fleas) and I wash all of the pet bedding once a week in Clorox water and scrub out the crates and the dog houses. I also shampoo my dogs frequently with a good organic shampoo to make sure that any live fleas are off of them and then I spray lightly with the Avon Skin-So-Soft. Even if my dogs pick up some live fleas at the park during training, I can pick them off with a flea comb or know that they will die shortly and any eggs that they may lay on my premises will be rendered harmless by the Torus. Since beginning this regimen a year ago, my dogs have been healthier, coats have been thicker and fuller because they are not scratching or biting themselves and I am not being bitten alive.

Also, now that the weather is warmer your pets will be shedding their winter coats, help the process by some vigorous brushing, your pet will appreciate it. Heavy mats in the coat are a prime breeding ground for fleas! Get rid of them! A clean pet is a healthier and happier pet.▼

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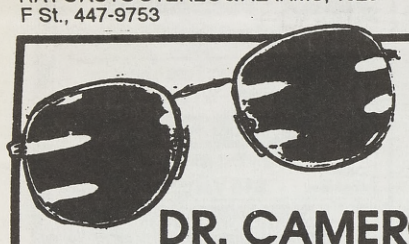

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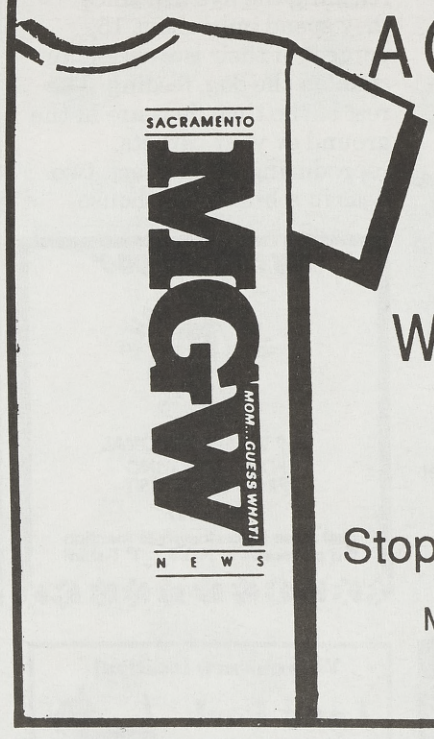

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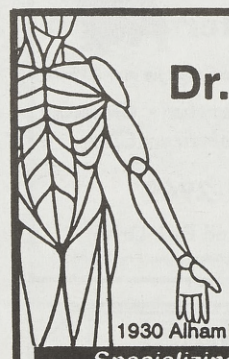

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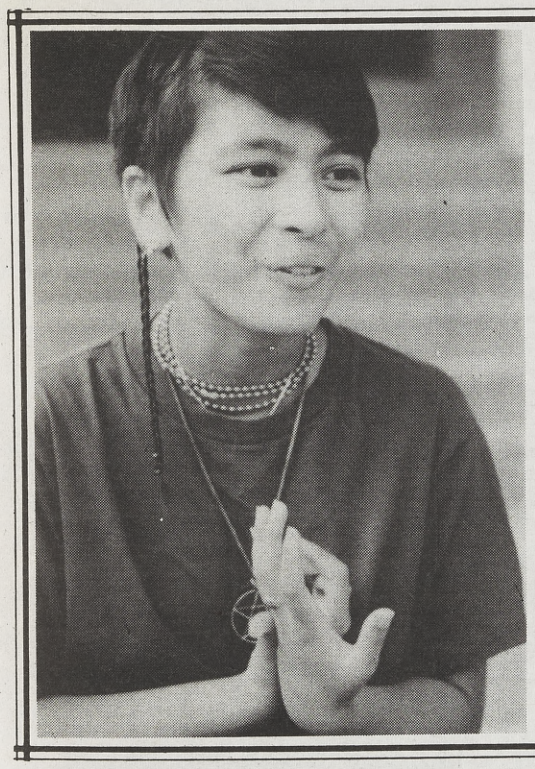

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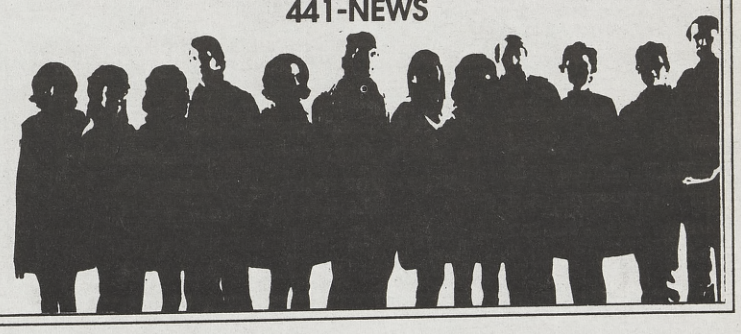

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CALENDAR

Calendar lists are FREE to non-profit organizations. Listings must be made in writing (Day, Date, What, Who, Where, Time, Phone) by the 10th or 25 of each month. Listings are not taken over the phone.

MARCH

15 - Monday

WORRIED WELL HIV-Seronegative, 6:30pm, SAF, 920 20th St., 448-2437.

CSUC AIDS AWARENESS WEEK, Brown Bag Lunch forum, CSUC Noon, Chico, 893-3336.

RCDC GENERAL MEETING, speaker: Richie Ross, 6:30pm, YWCA, 1122 17th St., 394-3114.

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY WEEK '93: Art Installation: Diversity in Expression, 5pm, Burns Tower; "Education" Panel Discussion, 8pm, UC Theatre, UOP, Stockton, (209) 941-0866.

TWIN SPIRITS VETERANS ASSOC., 7:30pm, MCC Grand Ballroom, Joan Lewis 662-9478.

16 - Tuesday

HEART TO HEART HIV+ Support group for Gay/Bi males, 6:30, SAF, 920 20th St. Jerry 448-2437.

BEING GAY TODAY Lesbian and gay TV program, Cable 18, 10 pm.

NAT'L WOMEN'S HERSTORY MONTH: Cynthia Carey Grant, Luz Martinez Alvarez, "The Pro-Choice Movement," 11:30am, Redwood Room, University Union, CSUS, 978-7388.

PFLAG, 7:30pm, Narthex, St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, rap session with Will Green, M.D., 665-1050.

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY WEEK, Art Installation: Diversity in Image, 7pm Burns Tower, A Showcase of Diversity in Film, 8pm, UC Theatre, UOP Campus, Stockton, 941-0866.

CSUC AIDS AWARENESS WEEK, BBLF - Joy of Safe Sex, CSUC Noon, Chico, 893-3336.

HEART TO HEART HIV+ Support group for Gay/Bi males, 6:30, SAF, 920 20th St. Jerry 448-2437.

BEING GAY TODAY Lesbian and gay TV program, Cable 18, 10 pm.

17 - Wednesday

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

LESBIAN & GAY BUSINESS ALLIANCE (LGBA), guest speaker M. Jane Pearce, 7pm, Carrow's, 28th & J sts., 641-8775.

GLSA SAC CITY Meeting, 1 pm, B222 Sac. City College.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER, 6pm, $7, Stonewall Alliance Center, 820 W. 7th St., Chico, 893-3336.

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY WEEK, Art Installation: Diversity in Art, 5pm, Burns tower, Diversity in the Arts, 8pm, Long theatre, UOP Campus, Stockton, 941-0866.

CSUC AIDS AWARENESS WEEK, BBLF, Communication, CSUC Noon, Chico, 893-3336.

LAMBDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 6:30pm, Lambda Center, 442-0185.

RECYCLE

18 - Thursday

CENTRAL CITY FORUM MEETING, for downtown and midtown business owners to resolve problems, 7pm, St. John's Lutheran Church, 1701 L St.

GGBA, Gay & Lesbian Marketing - Targeting a Lucrative Market, 7:30am, Sheraton Palace Hotel, S.F., 800-303-GGBA.

MS. STRIPPER OF THE YEAR CONTEST, Pleasure Dome, 174 King St.,S.F., 7pm, $10, (415) 346-8908.

JAZZ-EE DANCE COMPANY CONCERT, "Studio Works," 8pm, Studio 1010, Solano Hall, CSUS, $6, 278-6306, thru March 20.

1993 SPRING MIDTOWN MIXER, 5:30pm, 2901 K St., #100, guests: Police Chief Arturo Vanegas, Jr. & Councilman Josh Pane, RSVP 971-2291.

COMMON SENSE DOG TRAINING, Puppy Kindergarten, 6:30, Beginning, 6:30, Curtis ark, RSVP 485-2201.

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY WEEK, Art Installation: Diversity in Song, 5pm, Burns Tower, "Activism" Panel Discussion, 8pm, Long Theatre, UOP Campus, Stockton, 941-0866.

CSUC AIDS AWARENESS WEEK, BBLF, People of Color & AIDS, CSUC Noon, Chico, 893-3336.

GLSA SAC CITY Meeting, 7 pm, A20 Sac. City College.

BEING GAY TODAY Lesbian and gay TV program, Cable 18, 9 pm.

19 - Friday

SAGUARO REGIONAL RODEO, Tucson, Arizona, (303) 832-4472.

LESBIAN RETREAT, "Reflecting, Renewal, Reconnection: Abiding in the Feminine," info: 477-6639 or (415) 324-1810.

TOM AMMIANO, KAREN RIPLEY & LISA GEDULDIG, A night of comedy, The Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, 730pm, (510) 848-7376.

BOOK READING, Darien Taylor, "Positive Women: Voices of Women Living with AIDS," 7pm, free, Lioness Books, 2224 J St., 442-4657.

HIV/AIDS EDUCATOR'S WORKSHOP, 9am-4pm, Adult Serv. Bldg., 4875 Broadway, County AIDS Unit, 366-2922.

WOMEN'S OPEN MIKE, El Dorado County Library, 345 Fairlane Dr., Placerville, 7:30pm, $2-$6, info: 676-8002.

RUTH ROSENBERG DANCE ENSEMBLE, 8pm, $8, IDEA, 3414 4th Ave., 452-0949.

SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS, 7pm, CSUS.

NAT'L WOMEN'S HERSTORY MONTH: "Rhythm and Blues with Del R\ey,." 12pm, "The Sacramento Women's Chorus," 7pm, "Altazor" acoustic quartet, 7:30m, Redwood Room, University Union, CSUS, 978-7388.

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY WEEK, Art Installation: Diversity in Celebration, 5pm, Burns Tower, Final Celebration/Keynote Address, 8pm, Faye Spanos Concert Hall, UOP Campus, Stockton, 941-0866.

DEIDRE MCCALLA, WCP Concert, Chico, 893-3336.

20 - Saturday

ARTALK breakfast seminar, Yoshio Taylor, Eric Wyss, Margaret Licha, Kendal LeCompte: Forms of ceramics (panel discussion), Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 10th St., 448-8723.

CANVAS CRAFTERS ART SHOW, Sat: 1-6pm, Sun: 10am-5pm, Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., 443-9413.

RCDC 10TH ANNIVERSARY, 6pm, Faces Video Room, 20th & K sts., $10, 394-3114.

INT'L MS. LEATHER, Club TownsEnd, San Francisco, (415) 626-1672.

NOW, Sacramento Chapter presents readers theatre, 7pm, IDEA, 3414 4th Ave., 452-0949.

SACWN celebrates Women's Herstory Month, Lillian Faderman: "Lesbians in the 20th Century, Sacto. Inn, 6:30pm.

21 - Sunday

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Holy Eucharist, 8am, High Mass 10am, holy Eucharist in Spanish 12:30pm, 1430 J St., 446-2620

STRING INSTRUMENT WORKSHOP, Robin Flower & Libby McClaren, 11am, IMA Bodega, (707) 876-3004.

BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER, Lambda Players benefit performance "A Midsummer Night's Dream," proceeds to ENCORE, YWCA, 1122 17th St., 6pm, $15, 442-4741, ext. 21.

CINDERELLA TRAINING RIDE, meet 10am, Shamrock Village Shopping Center, Dublin, (408) 629-0139, (510) 652-0120.

INT'L MS. LEATHER BRUNCH, 10am, (415) 626-1672.

CIRCLE OF ELDERS WISDOM TEA, women discussion, 3pm, IDEA, 3414 4th Ave., 452-0949.

ATELIER, 5:30pm, $3, IDEA, 3414 4th Ave., 452-0949.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Holy Eucharist, 8am, High Mass 10am, holy Eucharist in Spanish 12:30pm, 1430 J St., 446-2620.

WOMEN OF COLOR, 7:15-9pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., Josie 442-0185.

ASIAN PACIFIC SISTERHOOD, support group, 4pm, 758-0195 or 756-0277.

22 - Monday

COUNTRY WESTERN, SWING & LINE DANCE CLASSES, 4-week course, Beginners 6pm, Intermediate 7:15pm, MCC Grand Ballroom, 2741 34th St., $28, John Batchlor 453-8991.

HEALTHY LIVING SERIES: "El Sida y El Sexo," Jaime Arteaga, 7pm, SAF, 920 20th St., 2nd Floor, 448-2437.

GAY & LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER OF NO. NEVADA, organizational stages meeting, 7pm, Health Depart. Bldg. Auditorium, 329-7706, 786-1713.

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23 - Tuesday

COUNTRY WESTERN, SWING & LINE DANCE CLASSES, 4-week course, Beginners 6pm, MCC Grand Ballroom, 2741 34th St., $28, John Batchelor 453-8991, no intermediate class on Tuesdays!

HEART TO HEART HIV+ Support group for Gay/Bi males, 6:30, SAF, 920 20th St. Jerry 448-2437.

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WOMENLOVING WOMEN: AT RISK WORKSHOP, 7pm, YWCA, Valley Rd., Reno, 673-3087, 747-2839.

24- Wednesday

GLSA SAC CITY Meeting, 1 pm, B222 Sac. City College.

YWCA WORKSHOP, "Learn to Influence Your Elected Officials," 7:30pm, YWCA, 17th & L sts., $7, 442-4741, ext. 14.

NAT'L WOMEN'S HERSTORY MONTH: "Beyond Poetry," 7pm, Redwood Room, University Union, CSUS, 978-7388.

25 - Thursday

WOMEN ADVENTURERS TELL THEIR STORIES, May d'Marie, Jan Little, Dorothy Brownold, 7pm, Unitarian Universalist Society, 2425 Sierra Blvd., $3-$8, 448-0870.

YWCA WORKSHOP, "Change Your Low Self-Esteem," 7:30pm, YWCA, 17th & L sts., $7, 442-4741 ext. 14.

GGBA General Business Meeting, 7:30pm, 1655 N. Main St., #280, Walnut Creek, 800-303-GGBA.

DALE SCHOOL STUDIO REP, 8pm, Fri: 7pm, Sat: 8:30pm, La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael, $5-$7, 483-4017.

SAGA IV SKATE PARTY, 8:30pm, $5 admission & skate rental, Foothill Skate, 4700 Auburn Blvd., 635-1535, 455-0986.

SPCA BENEFIT, "A Day of Fun in the Snow," Donner Ski Ranch, 8am-4pm, $2, 383-PETS, 427-1534.

SPRING RV SHOW, Thurs-Sat: 1am-8pm, Sun: 11am-6pm, Cal Expo.

New cafe opens

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Master Calender of Gay/Lesbian Events

March on Washington	April 23-26
CAP PAC Annual Dinner	June 5
Lambda Center Awards Dinner	Late May or June 17
Lambda Freedom Fair Celebration	June 19
S.F. Gay/Lesbian Film Festival	June 18-27
S.F. Gay Pride Parade	June 27
Northwest Games, Seattle	July 4-6
RCDC Lambda Awards Dinner	October 10
Coming Out Day	October 11
MGW Newspaper Anniversary	November
Gay Games - New York	June, 1994
N.Y. Stonewall 25 March	June 26, 1994
Snow White Champagne Ball	December 11, 1994

GALLERIES

ARC Art Gallery, 4700 College Oak Dr. 484-8433.

Archival Framing Gallery, A Journey of Attention, photographs and mixed media by Hedi Desuyo, March 2-27; reception: Sat., March 13, 7-9pm, 1729 L St., 444-9624.

Big Art, 1928 L St., 446-2740.

Center for Contemporary Art, A Survey of Sculpture by Richard Feese, thru April 10; reception: Sun., March 7, 2-6pm, 1116 15th St., 448-6269.

Crocker Art Museum, 3rd & O St., 264-5423. "En el Ojo de Ollin" thru Apr 4.

IDEA Gallery, 3414 4th Ave 452-0949

J. Maddux Parker Gallery, Mixed mediums: Sharon Jacques, Dawn Kaneshiro, Maija Peeples, Karen Calden Fulk and Beth Lo, thru April 3, 1107 22nd St., 448-6616.

John Natsoulas Gallery, 140 F St., Davis, 756-3938.

Joyce Abreu Gallery, 3712 Auburn Blvd., 488-1211.

Kondos Art Gallery, SCC,12th Ave & Freeport, 451-8815.

La Raza Galeria Posada, 704 O St., 446-5133.

Labyrinth Gallery, Menlo Macfarlane's "Turn of the Century Tour," thru March 31, reception: Sat., Feb. 20, 7-10pm, 916 24th St., 443-3906.

Lite Rail Gallery, 912 12th St, 441-1013.

Matrix Gallery, 1725 I St., 441-4818.

Michael Himovitz Gallery, Ceramic Works Group Exhibition - Yoshio Taylor, Margaret Licha, James Lovera, Armin Muller, Kendall LeCompte, Eric Wyss, New works by Amelia Opie and Gale Hart, thru April 4; reception: Sat., March 13, 6-8pm, 1020 10th, 448-8723.

Muffins Etc., 1404 28th St. 452-1829.

Richard L. Nelson Gallery, Selections from the Collection: Artists' Book, thru March 25,UCD, 752-8500.

Paragary's Bar & Oven, 28 & N St..

Pennisi's Cafe: 1030 J St., 446-6988.

SAC Valley Photographic Art Center, 702 57th St.

The Shenandoah Gallery, 12300 Steiner Rd., Plymouth, 209-245-4455.

St. John's Lutheran Church, 29th Annual Religious Art Fetival, May 8-May 23, 1701 L St., 444-0874.

University Union Exhibit Lounge, Art from the Short Center, thru March 12, Watercolor by Janet Danzi, thru April 2, rPaintings, drawings by Maria Winkler, April 12-April 30, reception: April 28, 5-7pm, 17th Annual Student Purchase Awards Show, May 3-May 29, reception/awards: May 12, 5-7pm, CSUS 6000 J St., 278-7250, 278-6595.

Where 2? ""On Site," acrylic paintings by Dexter Smith, 2331 J St., 448-1264.

THEATRE

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Actors Theater of S.F., "Raft of the Medusa," thru March 20, 553 Sutter St., S.F., (415) 296-9179.

ARC Theatre Arts , 4700 College Oak DR. 484-8234. "You Can't Take It With You," Apr 23 - May 1.

Carmichael Civic Theatre, 5802 Robertson Ave., Carmichael, 489-6880, 483-2775.

Davis Comic Opera Company. Veteran's Memorial Theatre, 14th & B Sts, Davis.

Foothill theatre Company, "Kiss Me Kate," thru April 3,"Blue Window," May 7-May 29, preview: May 6, "Brighton Beach Memoirs," June 25-August 20, preview: June 24, "Quilters," July 16-Sept. 4, preview: July 15, "The Cherry Orchard," Sept. 24-Oct. 16, preview: Sept. 23, "Lend Me A Tenor," Nov. 12-Dec. 18, preview: Nov. 11, Box 1812, Nevada City, 95959, (916) 265-TKTS.

Garbeau's, "Nunsense," thru May 16, 12401 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, 985-6361.

IDEA, "Bringing Hope to a Hopeless World," one-act play, thru March 28, 3414 4th Ave., 452-0949.

Lambda Players "A Midsummer Night's Dream," thru March 27, YWCA Theatre, 1122 17th St., 442-7752,

Life on the Water, "The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me," April 1, (415) 776-8999.

Lines Contemporary Ballet, March 18-28, Cowell Theater, fort Mason, S.F., $15-$25, (415) 281-8383.

Music Circus Broadway Series, "My Fair Lady," July 7-11; "South Pacific," July 12-18; "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," July 19-25; "Annie," July 26-August 1; "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," August 2-8; "Grease," August 9-15; "Man of La Mancha," August 16-22, Community Convention Center Theater, 14th & L Sts.; 264-5181.

The Sacramento Ballet "Cinderella" Apr 8 - 11.

SAC City Actors Theater, "To Kill A Mockingbird," April 23-May 9, 3835 Freeport, 558-2228.

Sacramento Theater Co., "The Pain of the Macho," April 2-April 24, "Dancing at Lughnasa," Sept. 14-Oct. 10," "From the Mississippi Delta," October 5, "A Christmas Carol," Nov. 15-Dec. 24, "Golf with Alan shepard," Jan 11-Feb. 6, 1994, "The Grapes of Wrath," March 1-April 22, 1994, "The Tavern," March 8-April 24, 1994, "A Cappella," March 29, 1994, "The Imaginary Invalid," May 10-June 5, 1994, 1419 H St., 443-6722.

The Show Below, "Orphans," March 19-April 24, 22nd & L St., 446-2787.

Studio Theate 127-a Bank St, Grass Valley 273-2730. .

Theater Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., S.F., 415-861-5079. "Living on Salvation Street" thru May 1. "Coconut" Jun 3-26.

Tribad Productions, Five Corners Theatre, Petaluma 707-545-9806.

University Theatre, CSUS, 6000 J St., 278-6368. "Boys From Syracuse" thru . "Waiting For Godot" Mar 25 - Apr 3, "Metropolis" Apr 23 - May 9, "Mighty Gents" May 6 - 16, CSUS Theatre Dept. Box Office, 278-6604.

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